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THE DAMERON-DAMRON GENEALOGY

The Descendants of Lawrence Dameron of Virginia

With Notes on the Related Northumberland
County Families of Gaskins, Harvey,
Bledsoe, Tignor, Ball, Coppedge-
Coppage, Waddy, Taylor, Smith,
and the John Ladd Family
Originating in Lower
Norfolk County,
Virginia.

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FOREWORD

The name Dameron is usually spelled that way or Damron, but Damarell, Damrell and even Dambrell, are variations of the same name. For instance, in the Northumberland County Court Records we find it spelled in every possible manner, including in 1655 "Laurence Damorell." The branch of Lazarus Dameron which went to King George and Albemarle usually spelled it Damarell. You will find the same man spelled two ways in the same document. It is believed that all the Damerons of the Southern States are descended from the same original family of Lawrence Dameron of Northumberland County, Virginia, who came to Virginia before 1652, and was undoubtedly the brother or son of Captain John Dameron. Jennie Harding Cornelius wrote to me: "Your book will be a very valuable one to all concerned if you get the correct data with dates and where it came from. The Dameron family were some of the best people here in this country, and there was only one Dameron that had a grant before 1661."

In early times spelling was different from what it is now and there seemed to be no rules for capitalizing letters and indenting paragraphs. I have tried to copy down the exact spelling and lack of punctuation in the original documents, most of which I have had photostated. Some of them were in such remote Gothic script as to be difficult to decipher.

The Media Research Bureau's report on "The Name and Family of Dam(e)ron," says: "One of the best-known and most ancient of the coats-of-arms of the ancient English family of Dameron or Damron, from which the bearers of the name in America trace their descent, is that described in heraldic terms as follows (Reitstap, Armorial General, 1887): --Argent, a chevron sable accompanied by three torteaux gules. Julia Dameron Old, of Virginia Beach, Virginia, did a beautiful painting of the Dameron arms for this manuscript in red, gold, silver and black. She wrote: "The Dameron coat-of-arms are from France and Bruges and are identical except the Bruges coat gives supporters. My aunt had Tiffany's look it up years ago and later I verified it as follows: General C^2 F, 1 A-R, Congressional Library, Washington, D.C., Reitstap Armorial General, Planches Par Rolland, Reitstap Armorial, Ref. Plate CLXXIII.

"Damerin. Flandre. D'arg. au chev. de sa., acc., de trois tourt. de gu."

This book is the product of long and difficult research on the part of several people. I went to the Courthouse of Northumberland County, Heathsville, and also did research in the Virginia State Library in Richmond and in the National Archives and Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. Ruth Damron Dorius has also worked in the Washington files. She lives in Falls Church, Va. Jennie Harding Cornelius of Heathsville, Va., was the genealogist who worked on the Northumberland County records. She is a descendant of the Hurst and Harding families of the Northern Neck and has compiled the genealogies of both those families, the Hurst genealogy having been published in Tyler's Quarterly, from October, 1949, through January, 1951. Anne Waller Reddy, of Richmond, Virginia, was the genealogist who worked chiefly on the Revolutionary records. Mariam Damron Cropper has done much research on the John Damron line. Nell Elkins Crawford Pearce, of West Memphis, Arkansas, has done research on the Damrons for twenty-five years along with her other genealogy work. I have tried to quote the source of my references throughout the book. There is a Damron Family Organization, of which the President is George Damron, 4428 Cahuenga Boulevard, North Hollywood, California, which holds reunions in Orange, California, annually.

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I. THE DAMERON-DAMRON FAMILY OF ENGLAND

I wrote to the Society of Genealogists, Chaucer House, Malet Place, London, W.C. 1, to see what their library had on Damerons, and the secretary V.W.B. Church replied, Dec. 30, 1952, saying: "We ourselves are the only one (Genealogical Society) in England, and our library is the only Genealogical Library as such in this country. We would advise you to get in touch with the Committee for Microfilming and Copying Parish Registers, 57 Church Street, Old Isleworth, Middlesex." As to the material in their library the report was: "Whitmore's Genealogical Guide Damron--negative; Dameron, Copinger, Suffolk Manors ii, 322; Thompsons Catalogue of British Family Histories, nothing; Family History Section, Damron-Dameron, negative; general information wanted; Marshall's Genealogical Guide, negative.

The following is quoted from an article "The Damerons of England and Virginia, by Mrs. O. A. Keach, with the help of Mr. Chas C. Browning and Dr. Lyon G. Tyler. It is in Tyler's Encyclopedia of Virginia Biography, V. 4, p. 54, and later continued on p. 117.

"'There was anciently in Westerfield a family of Dameron,' recites an old English manuscript history of 'Suffolk Families' by Conder.

"Furgeson, an authority on surnames, says Dameron is a French surname derived from a compound of the old German words dam (judgment) run (wisdom.) The ancient Flemish form of the name is Damerin, and the coat-of-arms is of Flemish origin. French spelling of the name is also Damerin.

"There were many families of the name (variously spelled) seated in the county of Suffolk, England, as old records prove. Such records have been preserved in Conder's Manuscript History of Suffolk Families, in the British Museum, Muskett's Suffolk Memorial Families, and in the Public Records Office in London.

"Damerons were seated at Henley, as the parish register shows, as early as 1440 and glimpses of three or four generations of this family are afforded in the following records.

"Coddenham Parish Register, county Suffolk--1555 Georgius Dameron Nupitur Elizabeth Gosnold XXX die Augustii.

"Baptized 1556 Edmondus Dameron fil Georgii Dameron nat ultimo die maii.

"Edmund Dameron of Henley Hall gentleman, married Margerie, daughter of Judge John Clenche of Cretinge, All Saints Parish, Co. Suffolk, about 1576.

"From Henley Parish Reg.

"Baptized: 1577--27th Feb. Margaret, Daughter, Edmund and Margaret Dameron (Buried 19 Oct. 1579); 1580-- 3 July, Margaret, daughter Edmund and Margaret Dameron; 1581--26 Sept. Edmund, son Edmund and Margaret Dameron; 1584--24 Nov. Thomas, son, Edmund and Margaret Dameron; died young; 1582-- 4 Nov. Sibil, Daughter Edmund and Margaret Dameron; 1586--27 Feb. John, Son, Edmund and Margaret Dameron; 1588--16 Nov. Elizabeth, Dau. Edmund and Margaret Dameron; 1597--4 March, Anne, Dau. Edmund and Margaret Dameron; 1601--17 Nov. Thomas, son, Edmund and Margaret Dameron.

"On August 18, 1605, Edmund Dameron, the elder, was buried. Sible Dameron, daughter of Edmund, was the third wife of John Browning of Willisham Hall, gentlem

"Edmund Dameron bonn 1581, son and heir of Mr. Edmund Dameron, Sr. and Marger: Clenche, his wife, sold Henley Hall to Ralph Meadow, and removed to St. Matthew's Parish, Ipswich, county Suffolk. He married 1st Elizabeth 161--2nd Anne 162; baptized--St. Matthew's parish, reg.

"1613--6 March, Elizabeth, daughter, Edmund and Elizabeth Dameron; 1614--19 March, Margerie, daughter, Edmund and Elizabeth Dameron; 1617--7 Sept. Richard,son Edmund and Elizabeth Dameron (buried Oct. 22, 1623--Richard Dameron, a young child 1619--17 January, Anne, daughter of Edmund Dameron; 1622--31 March, William, son o: Edmund Dameron.

"This parish register shows that on November 17, 1605, Thomas Baule (Ball)*M--AnneDameron, widow.

"The records of the ancient family of Westerfield Manor begin about fifty yea: later than those of Henley Hall. Westerfield is a village two or three miles nortl of Ipswich, the capital city of county Suffolk, and was perhaps the principal seat of this numerous and widely scattered family.

"From the similarity of Christian names, it would appear that the Virginia Damerons were probably of Westerfield descent. The first Dameron of Westerfield of whom the writer has record was designated "John Dameron, the eldest,' and was buried according to the parish register, Sept. 14, 1548. Some years ago a London genealogist helped prepare the following Dameron pedigree:

"John Dameron of Westerfield Manor (buried at Westerfield September 4, 1548) married Joan, Daughter of Richard Mynter. (1563 the XX day of Jan. was buried. Old Joan, Lady of Westerfield which was the daughter of Richard Mynter.) The son and heir was John the younger. It is probable that Mr. William Dameron, church warden, 1553, and who was buried Mch. 1, 1558, Lawrence buried 13 Jan. 1588, and George d. 1565, were sons of the older John. John, the younger, married 1st Joan Goodwin, daughter of John Goodwin of Kesgrove. She was buried October 30, 1552. He married 2d Margaret, dau. of Thomas Felton of Playford, Esq. She was buried May 5, 1600.

"The issue of John Dameron, the younger, gentleman, from Westerfield parish register. Baptized: 1539--May 6--Katherine, dau. of John Dameron, the younger; 1541--Mch. 21--John, son of; 1543--Apr. 16--Thomas; (buried May 5, 1545.) 1544--Mch. 30--Elizabeth, Dau. John Dameron, the younger; 1547--Dec. 18--Thomas; 1557--Apr. 25--Joan, Dau.; 1558--June 27--Sible, Dau.; 1561--April 30--Thomas, sonne of Margaret & Thomas Dameron.

"The third John Dameron, gentleman, son and heir of John Dameron, the younger, married Margaret _____ about 1660. They had a daughter,Joan. He died Feb. 7, 1596 and was buried Feb. 9.

"Margaret, wife of John Dameron, was buried May 5, 1600 (parish register), Conder, in his history of Suffolk Families (ms. in British Museum) states 'The last of that name, a gentleman of 500 pounds or 600 pounds a year had an only daughter whom he married to Collett and to their children left his estate. Thus Joan Dameron, daughter of John Dameron, of Westerfield Manor, gentleman, married John Collett, Nov. 1577 (parish register.)

(Note: There was a Ball family in Lancaster and ;Northumberland, that of George Washington's mother. Also one of the above Damerons married Elizabeth "Gosnel" or Gosnold, perhaps connected with Bartholomew Gosnold the famous sea captain.)

"In 1667--Bridget Collett devised land etc. 'for schooling the poor' of the vil of Westerfield near Ipswich, and April 5, 1675 at a parish church meeting at Westerf near Ipswich it was arranged how Mrs. Bridget Collett's gift to the parish should be used. Among those present were Mr. Anthony Collett, her executor, and Mrs. Samuel Collett, her brother-in-law.

"Page's 'Suffolk Traveller' concludes this history in the following paragraph-- 'In 1596, this lordship (or Westerfield) belonged to John Dameron; who devised the same to Anthony Collett ,his grandson, and in 1802, Henry Collett, of this parish, e died here in his 78th year. He had filled the office of clerk of the peace for this county for upwards of fifty years.'

"The Church claimed at least one Dameron for in 1534 Mch. 16, a mandate was issued by the Arch-bishop of Suffolk, to Walton Vicarage, Edward Mitchell, rector of Trembly St. Marie, and Robert Dameron, priest, to induct one John Dalton.

"There is a long list of Dameron deeds and wills among the Rushmere or Rushwort deeds in the British Museum. The will of John Dameron of Rushmer devises his lands purchased of Sir Robert and Richard Brooke, called Townfield, to his wife, Katherine for life and then to his sons, John, Thomas, and Robert. He mentions his daughter Margaret, wife of John Smith, and his unmarried daughters, Alice, Mary, Frances and Elizabeth.

"The will of Bartholomew Dameron de Beeches was proved at Ipswich inWill Book 1554-57. The parish register of Little Bealings shows that Thomas Dameron was buried there April 21, 1545. Lawrence Dameron was buried in Westerfield parish Jan. 13, 1 and George Dameron July 27, 1559.

"The glimpses of an old church loving, land owning English family seem to show t life of this family merely extended into a new English setting when Lawrence Dameron moved to Virginia. There is in the history of the Virginia family a sense of continu of habits and traditions, rather than a violent breaking off of accustomed ways. It was moving to an overseas parish, instead of to a new parish in Suffolk, and Northumberland on the 'Great Bay,' facing the wide expanse of Eastern waters, was not so different in situation from the Suffolk country, with its long North Sea coast

The Media Research Bureau of Washington, D.C., defunct in 1953, also had a mimeographed report which is similar to the above. It states that there are "variou spellings of Dameron, Damron, Dameron and others, of which the last two are those mo commonly used in America at the present time." We also find it spelled Damerell, Damarell and Damrell, which refers to the same family. For example, we find Lawrenc Damarell, referring to the immigrant Lawrence Dameron, and the Lazarus Dameron famil of Albemarle frequently spelled it Damarell. The spelling "Damron" apparently began as an error in spelling. For example, on Revolutionary records we find on the same page both John Damron and John Dameron.

Media also states: "It appears that they and their descendants were largely of landed gentry and yeomanry of Great Britain. The family seat was established as ear as 1440 at Henley in Coddenham, Suffolk;.... it is not until about 1520 that the Par Register includes the name.

From the above information, we can work out the following genealogy:

I. JOHN DAMERON of Westerfield Manor, married Joan Myntor. "It is recorded t as early as 1520, one John Dameron was in possession of the estate. He married Joan Mynter and had by her, John, his heir; George, William, who was churchwarden and died in 1558; and Lawrence, who also died in that year," according to Media. Children were:

1. John, son and heir.
2. George
3. William, who was churchwarden ,d.1558.
4. Lawrence, who died 1558.

II. JOHN DAMERON, heir to John, m. Joan Goodwin, of Kosgrove, by whom there was no issue. His second wife, Margaret, daughter of Thomas Felton of Playford, bore him eight children:

1. Katherine, b. May 6, 1539.
2. John, born in 1541, Mch. 21.
3. Thomas, died in infancy. Buried May 5, 1545.
4. Elizabeth, b. Mch. 30, 1544.
5. Thomas b. Dec. 18, 1547.
6. Joan, b. Apr. 25, 1557.
7. Sible, b. June 27, 1558.
8. Thomas b. 1561, Apr. 30.

III. JOHN DAMERON, eldest son b. 1541, m. Margaret and had dau. Joan."His widow, Margaret, married in 1577, John Collett, to whom the Henley estate was deeded.

Media gives a bibliography on Dameron as follows:

Bradsley. English and Welsh Surnames, 1901.
Hardesty. Historical and Genealogical Encyclopedia, 1884.
Munsell, American Ancestry, 1887-1899.
Tyler. Quarterly Historical and Genealogical Magazine, 1926-1927.
Greer. Early Virginia Immigrants, 1912.
Soldiers from New York in the American Revolution, 1932.
Encyclopedia Americana, 1932.
Poitstap, Armorial General, 1887.

Practically no other material is to befound in print on the Dameron-Damron family, and for this reason this genealogy has been undertaken. Some correations will be made in the Keach material as we go along, but it is quoted as printed.

CAPTAIN JOHN DAMERON, ENGLISH MARINER

Capt. John Dameron came to Virginia as captain of the ship "Deuty,"1619.It brought something like 200 boys taken from the streets of London to be servants in Virginia. This was a responsible post for the Virginia Company to fill and Capt. Dameron must have been a man of good judgment to be selected. He is also said to have been connected with the ships of Sir Ferdinando Gorges. I found an item in the Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, V. 7, p. 140, that Capt. John Martin had made accusation answered by Sir George Yeardley saying Stallings had died and the provisions of the ship were owned by Sir Ferdinando Gorges. He "gave warrant unto Capt. George Bargrave and one John Dameron to take the said Stallinge's men and boatt and to go down to Kicoughtan." For this Gorges was duly grateful apparently. There was a "Damarell's Cove" in Canada in the early records which may have been named for Capt. John Dameron, as this is one variation of the name--Gorges at that time considered that he owned Canada and Maine and parts of New England as he had a patent for it. In the Journals of the House of Burgesses of Va. p. 76, 1625, the minutes referred to "Damerel's Cove", Canada where Mr. Newell and Mr. Sandys had tobacco damaged.

This Captain John Dameron is the most interesting of all the Damerons and it would be easy to have the records of the Virginia Company searched in England to find out more about him.. However, it is probable that he was not the master of the vessel "Duty", or "Deuty" as it was spelled, in 1619, as this shipmade other voyages to Virginia. In 1640 the "Duty" brought the Bridwell prison convicts to Virginia, sent by the Virginia Company, and it was to this voyage that the reference was given in Am. Pub. V, II, pp. 136-8, in which it was stated that John Dameron was master. Also in the Virginia Historical Magazine, Am. Pub. V. 7, p. 140, it is noted that John Dameron in Charles City County, Virginia, 1619, was called to take a ship in bad repair. The 1640 convicts were the first to be shipped to Virginia, it is noted. Also I looked up the reference to the "Deuty boys," as they were afterward called, in 1619, and found that only fifty came in the first voyage, and in 1620 another hundred or more youngboys were shipped to Virginia, so they did not all come in 1619. They were "bound out" for seven years until of age, then free and given 20 acres of land.

Although the histories do not mention much about Capt. John Dameron, he was obviously one of the famous sea captains of his day and one of the founders of Virginia - otherwise the Virginia Company would nothave entrusted him with such difficult enterprises. The cove in Canada must have been named forhim. There is also a reference where Jeffry Cornish went aboard the "Swan" at "Dambrell's Cove," in Canada and observed the damage to the tobacco of Mr. Newell (or Nevell) and Mr. Sandys, p. 82, Journals of the House of Burgesses of Virginia. Mr. Sandys owned"200 wt. tob. for Southampton hundred."

The records of the Damerons of Westerfield Manor, Suffolk, England, show John Dameron b. about 1618, Rushmore, Suffolk, son of John Dameron who m. 1 June, 1640, Bridget Maw; wife Joan Lumis b. about 1620, Kesgrove, Suffolk, England. Children: John b. 1642, Rushmore, Suffolk, England. Tyler's V. 4, p. 55, also has a reference to the will of Bartholomew de Beeches, proved Ipswich, W.B. 1554-7, parish register of Little Beales--Thomas Dameron was buried in Westerfield parish Jan. 13, 1558, and George Dameron July 27, 1559.

As Elizabeth Gosnel (Gosnold) married a Dameron, there may be some connection with the famous Bartholomew. Stanard's The Story of Virginia's First Century says: "In 1602 Bartholomew Gosnold, one of Raleigh's captains who was to take a prominent part in the settlement of Jamestown, with thirty-one others (including Gabriel Archer, a Jamestown Councillor to be) went on a voyage sponsored by Henry, Earl of Southampton, Lord Cobham and others of Raleigh's friends, to the 'northernmost parts of Virginia. They spent four months on the coast of the present New England . . . In 1603 Queen Elizabeth died and was succeeded by James I--and Sir Walter's star set. Early in the new reign he was suspected of being involved in conspiracies. . . sent to the Tower and kept there thirteen years until March, 1616." Then in 1609 "Scrivener, whom Smith had left in charge at Jameston, had gone in a skiff to Hog Island, taking with him Captain Waldo, Anthony Gosnold and eight others," all of whom"died in a storm," p. 73. Bartholomew Gosnold died 1607. After his trip of 1602 he "actively promoted the colonization of the regions he had visited and, by arousing the interest of Sir Ferdinando Gorges and other influential persons, contributed toward securing the grants of the Charters to the London and Plymouth companies in 1606. In 1606-7 he was associated with Christopher Newport in command of the three vessels by which the first Jamestown colonists were cattied to Virginia. As a member of the council he took an active share in the affairs of the colony... He died frm swamp fever on Aug. 22, 1607" in Virginia. Gorges lived 1566 to 1647, b. Somersetshire,and was keeper of the Plymouth fort 1596-1629 in England.

The William and Mary Quarterly (1), 11, p. 138, has the following reference found by Julia Dameron Old, which may be quoted exactly for this record:

"... The earliest connection of Dameron with Virginia was when Capt. John Dameron, master of the ship Duty, brought over the Bridewell prison inmates, sent by the Virginia Company of London, and it seems that about this time the Damerons themselves got a footing in the Virginia Colony since 'Bridget Dameron' was in the 'list of dead' at Elizabeth City, in Feb. 1622-23, but what connection she was with Bar. Dameron* who was church warden in Wicomico Parish Apr. 1683, I don't know, for he was most likely a descendant of that Lawrence Dameron who was a patentee 12 May, 1652, for 340 A. on Wicomico River, Northumberland Co."

She also found an interesting reference to the Damerons in England in the William and Mary Quarterly (1) 11, p. 137, preceding the above: " . . . In the parish register of St. Matthews Church, Ipswich, Suffolk, is the entry of the marriage 17 Nov. 1605, of Thomas Ball and Anne Dameron, widow. Now, in Northumberland County, Va., the respectable family of Dameron has always been in some way connected with that of Ball. In Suffolk County, England, ever since the 14th century the Damerons have been land-owning and will-making residents, their chief seat being Westerfield Manor, and the registers of the parishes of Westerfield, St. Nicholas in Ipswich, Coddenham, Henley and Rushmere attest that they were 'church people', as they also were in Wicomico Parish, Northumberland Co., Va., where Mr. George Dameron was a vestryman in 1770, along with Mr. Charles Coppege and Captains David and George Ball." From "Ball, Coppege and Dameron of Northumberland County, Va. by Charles H. Browning, Ardmore P.O., Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

The same reference 11 (1), 138, notes Bridget Dameron, with same information.

In looking over the records of Devonshire,England, Visitation of Devonshire, 1620, Harlein mss. I found nothing on the Damerons, but in Parish Register Abstracts, including the Lost Parish Registers of Devon 1596-1644, Granville, V. 1, I found p. 175, Elizabeth Damrel m. Thos. Skinner, 1635, Ashcombe, Devon.

In the book Roger Conant, by Clifford K. Shipton, Harvard Press, 1945, he several times refers to "Damarins Cove." Page 21 indiates it was named this before 1621 or 1622. Conant came in 1622, winter, and the book says that Thomas Weston "had the year before sent out to New England a group of fifty or sixty men led by his brother Andrew, who had settled at Wessagusset. At the same time a small trading vessel belonging to him landed seven passengers at Damarins Cover, whence they made their way to Plymouth." This refers to 1621. "More than forty other vessels went out to New England in the year 1623. The Conants may have gone in one of these, or in the Jonathan of Plymouth with Thomson, but the most likely guess is that they went in Weston's last vessel, which probably made Damarins Cove in March, 1623." The book also says, "That same summer, Captain Robert Gorges, the son of Sir Ferdinando, arrived as Governor General of New England, bring Admiral Francis West," but his men wandered off and his colony failed. It was Devonshire people at Roanoke, and also F.C. Pierce says that Christopher Foster, our ancestor, went with Roger and his brother of East Budleigh, Devonshire, the home of Sir Walter Raleigh before he was beheaded Oct. 23, 1618. Roger Conant settled at Cape Anne, Mass., which Gosnold had visited in 1602 sailing from Devon. The Dorchester, Devon, company "planted fourteen men at Cape Ann, and the following year they sent out thirty-two more." Page 49, referring to 1622-23 winter. I have not found any record of Christopher Foster at Cape Anne, however, until he came in 1635 on the "Abigail.

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THE DAMERONS OF MAINE AND MASSACHUSETTS, HUMPHREY DAMARILL

In the 17th century the name Dameron was also spelled Damarell, according to the dialect of the person who wrote it. C. E. Banks' Topographical Dictionary of 2885 English Emigrants to New England 1620-1650, has on p. 113: "Humphrey Damerill, of Stepney, Middlesex Parish, who went to Boston, Mass., Banks mss. reference." Stephey is in London and the Banks Mss. is in the Library of Congress, Washington. No other similar name is listed in the index except John Damon on p. 5, of Reading, Berkshire, England, who went to Reading, Mass., reference New England Genealogical Register 60/61. I believe this is the same name as the "r" is often not pronounced. No Mawe is listed and no Minshew (the names of Dameron wives). No Gosnold appears. In the book American Colonists in English Records by G. Sherwood (1932), no Damarell appears. On p. 102 is listed "Bartholomew Gosnold," signer of letter in 1607 as member of the Council in Virginia, with also Edward Maria Wingfield, John Smith etc.

In London in Boyd's Marriage Register I found the following: Humphrey Dammarrell married Sara Minshew, 1929, in Stepney; also in 1626 Thomas Damring married Margaret Martin at S. Gregory Paul. (This was in the volume beginning 1626 for Middlesex Co, England.)

The Suffolk County Probate Court of Massachusetts Register wrote to me in1965 that "An examination of our probate indices from the year 1636-1894 shows no record on file of the above mentioned name"--Humphrey Damarell.

Ancient Dominions of Maine by R. K. Sewall, 1859, p. 129, says: "A distinguished name among the settlers and original proprietors of Sheepscot was John Mason. From Damarin by purchase he had acquired a title to a considerable body of land, commencing at Sheepscot falls, running easterly, and embracing the 'Great Neck.' By the claim of Stephen Calef, exhibited before the Commissioners, Mason's purchase extended from Sheepscot falls in Newcastle southward and eastward to a freshet called 'Oven's Mouth,' a well known inlet of the waters of Sheepscot river, opening eastward and separating between the southern boundary of Edgecomb and the northern boundary of Boothbay, caused by a narrow gorge between rocks and precipitous cliffs...receiving the waters of a considerable fresh water pond from Boothbay on the south, and of Wild-cat Meadow on the northeast...Mason therefore must have owned originally the banks of the Sheepscot in the town of Edgecomb; and the Sheepscot Great Neck must have been the peninsula beginning at Sheepscot falls on the north, and ; terminating at Oven's Mouth between the Sheepscot and Cross rivers, on the south, a section some five miles long by a mile and a half broad." Date of above is 1652.

P. 140. Referring to Wiscasset Point in 1665, in Maine, George Davie had planted a hamlet on his hill near the gaol. "Four years preceding he purchased of the natives a body of land" fronting on Wiscasset Bay, covering the site of present Wiscasset. "He also acquired a title to a considerable section of land on the eastern and opposite shore of the bay--Edgecomb side. . . Damarin, the Sheepscot sagamore, conveyed to one John Davis a plantation on the northwest side of "Wistassek bay, north into the woods half way to Kennebec. A Mordaci Crafford (Clifford?) sold a neck of land on Sheepscot river, and probably was a resident there...On the northeast side of Sheepscot river...Richard Pattishall claimed a four hundred acre lot. John Tucker of Sheepscot river, a fisherman at Cape Newagen, owned 'all the land on the north side of Monseag river, up along the main river as far as Cowsegan...Thomas Cleaves, fisherman of Cape Newagen 'bought of Robinhood proprietor and sagamore of said river,' a tract of land on Sheepscot river, containing four miles...Nathaniel Draper owned a parcel of land bought of a Sheepscot sagamore, Jack Pudding...Jacob Clark (Me. Hist. Soc. Coll, V. ii), as grandson by marriage of Alice, the granddaughter of John Davis, also had a claim to land in Wiscasset. These acquisitions of title were chiefly derived from Damarin, about this period. Davie and Davis owned the site of the village of Wiscasset..." A note says Damarin was alias Mohotiwormet Date of above items was 1666.

II. THE EARLY DAMERONS IN AMERICA

The first Dameron we find of record in this country is Capt. John Dameron. However, Bridgett Dameron is listed among the "Dead at Elizabeth Cittie," Virgin Feb. 16, 1623, along with such names as Samwell Harvie, Henry Payton, Isarell Knowles. She might have been the wife of Capt. John Dameron. Elizabeth City was in the present region of Norfolk city. This reference is taken from Hotten' Original Lists of Emigrants, 1600-1700. Hotten lists only one other Dameron "Thomas Damarell," p. 501, in the Barbadoes, St. James Parish, 20 Dec. 1679. He has one negro and three acres of land. Mariam Damron Cropper also found a "John Damerall" listed in Early Settlers to Maryland, 1635-1680, under date of 1673.

We shall quote again from Mrs. O.A. Keach in Tyler's, p. 117:

"Mr. Lawrence Dameron, with his sons, Bartholomew, George, and Thomas, set in Northumberland County, Va., some time before 1652. There is little doubt that he belonged to the old Suffolk family of Damerons, but it will be left to a late chronicler to determine his line of ancestry and establish unquestionably the relationships. However, the first of the name associated with the American adventure was Captain John Dameron, who was commissioned Captain of the 'Deuty' December 23, 1619, in the service of the Va. Company in London. He was also probably the same John Dameron, who accompanied Sir Ferdinand Gorges in his voya to the new world.

"Mr. Lawrence Dameron's name first appears in the county records May 12, 1652, in a patent for 342 acres located on Wicomico River, being for the transpo tion of seven servants into the colony. It would seem that Mr. Dameron made his first trip to Virginia some time before 1652, selected a site for his home and doubtless arranged for building his dwelling house.

"A second and later patent recites, 'These are to certifie that Mr. Lawrence Dameron made his right appear to 450 acres of land for the transportation of nine persons into this country, viz.; himself, his wife, James Sibble, Jeane Jon William Rule, Joseph Johnson, Katherine Shaw, Richard Stennor, Edward Stanford. On August 20, 1655, Captain Peter Knight assigned unto Mr. Lawrence Dameron a patent for five hundred acres of land, on the south side of Great Wicomico Riv part land and part marsh being a neck bounded easterly on the great Bay and West on the Creeke, Yt gets the name from the Indian Towne of Cutta-tonmen.' One of the boundaries of this 'divident' of land was the Dividing Creek. The marsh land described in this deed of 1655 is still known as Dameron's Marsh.

"Mr. Dameron also bought a divident of land from Mr. Thomas Broughton in Mattapony in upper NORTHUMBERLAND county. By other purchases he finally owned about 2,000 acres of land, for the most part in Wicomico parish.

"On that stretch of Virginia shore overlooking the Chesapeake Bay even then great highway of water travel, Mr. Lawrence Dameron ended his 'adventure' in the phraseology of the old records, by settling there with his wife, Dorothy, and their children.

"If there is a more beautiful place any where in the world no royal geograph has ever reported it. There were 'faire fields set with divers flowers,' and around the clearings the 'goodly tall trees' of cedar, pine, oak, elm, and chest and chink-a-pin bushes growing luxuriantly in every forest glade.

"One long tongue of marshy land called afterwards Dameron's Marsh, covered for the most part with reeds and marsh grasses, was a covert for wild game and resting place for waterfowl, and the tidewater rivers and creeks were full of f and oysters.

"The first home was no doubt built of cedar slabs and was commodious and comfortable. In his will Lawrence Dameron speaks of the 'Great Roome.' At an early day a large brick manor house was built nearly on the first site and was knwon as the 'Brick Walls.'

"Wicomico parish church was organized in 1655 with its church wardens and vestry. This was the social center of the community and much of the civil adm tion was in the hands of the church wardens who ruled firmly and for the most wisely. Within visiting radius of the Dameron plantation which lay partly alon the Dividing Creek were the early families that later gave America some of the greatest men. Anyway the Damerons prospered and had time to cultivate friendsh as well as the soil. On May 17, 1656, Lawrence Dameron appointed his 'trusty and well beloved friend, Henry Hurst,' his attorney, to collect some debts for him. One of the witnesses to this power of attorney was James Sibble, one of h headrights.

"Lawrence Dameron probably died later in the year 1657: 'I bequeathe my soule to God my Creator, and my body to the earth,' his will declares, and the first Dameron of Virginia was laid to rest within sight of the 'manor house,' and within sound of the waters whose tides reached unbroken from his own shore acres to the coast lines of county Suffolk where so many Damerons had given the bodies to the earth.

"The Dameron burying ground is still preserved and has many inhabitants. It has long been neglected, but not obliterated.

"A court record shows that 'Mr. Peter Knight as attorney for Lawrence Damerc at a county court held at James City, the 9th March, 1658, confessed judgment unto Capt. Edward Gunnell for the present payment of 4,100 pds. of tobacco'-- this judgment was assigned to Mr. Thomas Ffereton. 'It is therefore ordered that Dorothy, the relict and executrix of the sd Lawrence Dameron dec'd shall make payment--unless she, the sd Dorothy Dameron, at the next court doo then show goc reason to the contrary.

"Lawrence Dameron's will was proved Dec. 17, 1660. Through some mistake of thecourt its date is given as May 1, 1660. This will was discovered quite recently in a very old and badly damaged court record book at Heathsville, Va., with parts of the leaves crumbled into small bits. Enough of the will remains however, to be of much genealogical value and of considerable interest in that it gives a glimpse of the manner of living of an early settler and what had been accomplished in the brief space of time he had lived--with a mention of some of the treasured possessions from the older home. . . .

"This mutilated will shows the names of sons Bartholomew, George and Thomas. Other records prove that there was a son Lawrence, and a daughter Dorothy Mr. Lawrence Dameron's death left his widow in a position of great responsibility She must have been a woman of strong and resolute character and her name deserves place among the able and courageous pioneers of colonial Virginia. She held together and developed her increasingly valuable estate and wrote her own biography in the Christian characters and useful citizenship of her children and their numerous descendants now scattered over the American Commonwealth. Mrs. Dorothy Dameron probably died in 1691 as Lawrence Dameron's will provided that land bequeathed to their sons, Bartholomew and George, should be delivered them at the death of their mother, and on March 16, 1692, Bartholomew and George petitioned the court that the land left them by their father be laid out and

divided according to his will. Thus, it may be assumed that Mrs. Dameron's death had occurred recently prior to this friendly suit for fixing the boundarie of their lands. The issue of Lawrence and Dorothy Dameron were:

" Bartholomew, b. about 1645 m. Elizabeth 1666. Deposition dated Mch. 15, 1 gives her age as 75.

"George b. 164_, m. Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis, 1679 or 1680.

"Thomas b. 165_, m. Sarah Bledsoe, dau. of Mr. George Bledsoe.

"Lawrence b. about 1653 m. Jane _____.

"Dorothy b. 1656. Deposition made July 29th, 1726, gave her age as 70. m. 1st Josias Gaskins, 2nd Samuel Mahan.

"The direct male descendants of George Dameron remained in possession of the original land bequeathed to him by his father, Lawrence, until the death of Mr. Robert J. Dameron in 1849.

"A court record shows that the 'Manor House' of George Dameron was used by Gov. Berkeley at some time during his exile at the time of Bacon's Rebellion.

"Thomas Dameron, a grandson of Lawrence, the immigrant erected early in 1700 a beautiful brick residence near the original home site which is yet known i Northumberland County as the 'Brick Walls.'"

We may add a few items from the Media Research Bureau's "The Name and Family of Dam(e)ron:"

"The fairly numerous progeny of these and perhaps a few other lines of the family have carried the name to distant sections of the United States. Character tically a modest, reserved, even-tempered, dependable and self-reliant race, ofte of a thoughtful turn of mind and firm purpose, the Dam(e)rons in America have wo especial success in the fields of law, letters, agriculture, business and milita affairs.

"Among those of the name who served in the Revolutionary War were Colonel Thomas Dameron, Captain John Dameron, Abraham Dameron, Jacob Dameron, Joseph Dameron, Joshua Dameron, and Thomas Dameron, all of Virginia; and George and Joseph Dameron of North Carolina.

"Edmund, Richard, John, George and Thomas are some of the Christian names which have been favored by past generations of the family for theif male progeny

"The following are some of the many members of the family who have distingu themselves in America in comparatively recent times:

"Thomas Dameron (18th century) of Virginia, merchant
William Moore Dameron, b. 1799, of Missouri, soldier and merchant
Lawrence C. Dameron b. 1877, of Kentucky and New York, fire insurance ad
James Dameron b. 1876, of West Virginia, lawyer, jurist, and U.S. attorn
James Palatine Dameron b. 1823, of California, writer and lawyer
Kenneth Dameron, b. 1900 of New York, authority on merchandising and wri
Louise Dameron, b. 1900, of New York, writer.

"One of the best-known and most ancient of the coats-of-arms of the ancient English family of Damron or Dameron, from which the bearers of the name in Ameri trace their descent, is that described in heraldic terms as follows: 'Arms, a che sable accompanied by three torteaux gules.' (Reitstap, Armorial General, 1887.)

It was Louise H. Dameron, now living in Sarasota, Florida, who had Mrs. Keach do her Dameron genealogy many years ago and many additional notes are to be found in the appendices to this book. Mrs. Keach wrote to her: "My descent is from Lawrence Dameron's son George and my great-grandfather was Thomas, Sr. who was the neighbor of Thomas, Jr. My mother was the youngest child of parents who were not young. . . Two very good genealogists gave me assistance in the Dameron records some years ago. They went to Northumberland County for me. Then in addition I had a copyist afterwards at work for nearly two years. That will give you a feeling that what is sent is authoritative. The Damerons were singularly free from the early scandals though there are necessarily some members in so large a family who were not specially creditable.

"I have gone through more than two hundred pages of copies from record books and as many from Order Books. After the work is done it looks easy enough but there are always many problems to make out and prove, where there are so many of thesame 'given name.' But in this case, the proof that Thomas Dameron, Jr. is your Thomas who went to Kentucky is perfect and absolute and no one could be more surprised than I am at finding the records so complete...

"The Damerons were land-owning and will-making people and it is a satisfaction to trace one's descent without a break on a straight line back to the immigrant from England."

In the Colonial Dames records, Mrs. Otis A. Keach is No. 1511, 1915, thus:

" Anna Frances Handley, seventh in descent from Capt. John Haynie;

Grace Haynie Ball, daughter of Anthony Haynie, grand-daughter of Capt. John Haynie;

Capt. John Haynie, Burgess, County Surveyor, King's Attorney, gentleman Justice and officer in the Susquehanna War, 1676."

Louise H. Dameron also wrote: "The name Dameron means wisdom and knowledge. French spellings: Damelon, Demolin, Demuleen, Demoulin. Compounds: Damer- D'Amour- Demar- Demier- Demory- Dimier- Dameron. Have destroyed the original copy of this and did not save the reference. I found it in the New York Library. I also had a record of a deposition by Dorothy and Bartholomew (I think) to the effect that Simon Bashford and his wife were married at the home of Mr. George Dameron. It was to prove his identity so he could claim some property in England. I have a Campbell County, Ky. record "Thomas L. Dameron and Susan Kiser, 5 Dec. 1850." Do not know where these belong. The Kiser family lived in Campbell Co. I knew a Miss Marshall Kiser who went to Hawaii and married a sugar planter there. The last I heard of her she was a widow and living in Texas. Do not know who the parents of Thomas L. were."

Mrs. Cornelius tried to trace down the theory that the wife of Bartholomew Dameron[1] was Elizabeth, dau. of Christopher Garlington, and wrote: "The following Court orders are all there are in regards to Christopher Garlington's children. Their names are not known: "Northumberland County C.O. 1678-1713, p. 2, Aug. 21, 1678, Petition of Mrs. Joane Garlington, Relict of Mr. Xpher Garlington for her third & for dividing Est. between said Joane and the children of said Garlington." Also: "Northumberland County, C. O. Book, 1699-1713, p. 211, July 15, 1702, George Dameron, orphan son of George Dameronchose Mr. Chris. Garlington guardian." The Will of Christopher Garlington[2] refers to "brother Maurice Jones," but not to any Dameron connection.

THE DAMERONS OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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I. LAWRENCE AND DOROTHY DAMERON OF WICOMICO PARISH

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON. His name first appears in Virginia May 12, 1652, when he received a patent of 340 acres on Wicomico River, Northumberland County, Virgin and transported seven servants to Virginia. On Oct. 8, 1655, this patent was renewed for 342 acres. It was also renewed 18 March, 1662. These items are found in the Land Patents of Virginia and in Nugent's Cavaliers and Pioneers, 1931. Page 258 says: "Lawrence Dameron, 340 acres, Northumberland Co. p. 92, no date. Butting S.E. upon head of tanx Neocomico Riv. Trans. 7 servants, John Meekas, Thomas Clarke, Edward Maddox, 3 tymes, Elizabeth Coringe, Carth. Wethersby, Dan. Piggin." The above was in the list of 1652, the item before it being dated 6 May, 1652, John Sheepherd 1,000 ac. Northumberland. Next below was May 5, 1652, grant to John Gresham, Northumberland, 520 acres. The second item is p. 332 of Nugent, 36 (57) of the patent book, Renewal of patent dated 12 May, 1652. This above land was in the upper part of Northumberland County, but his home was at Guarding Point at the lower end of Chesapeake Bay, next to the river. Guarding Point is a long neck of land on the shore which "served as the lookout post for lower Northumberl from thetime of Bacon's Rebellion," Mrs. Keach says. The Guarding Point estate wa acquired from "Mr. Peter Knight 500 acs. Northumberland County, 30 Mar. 1657, p. 83 (122). On S. side of Great Wiccomico Riv. N.N.E. upon another seate belongin to him formerly Mr. Flints & S.E. upon a lyne dividing this from Gervase Dodson. Trans. 10 pers. (Northumberland County Book, 1652-58, Aug. 20, 1655.) Mr. Knight his assignment unto Lawrence Dameron 500 acs. land and Marsh." Mrs. Keach refers to this thus: "Captain Peter Knight assigned unto Mr. Lawrence Dameron a patent fo five hundred acres of land, on the south side of Great Wicomico River,' part land and part marsh being a neck bounded easterly on the great Bay and Westerly on the Creeke, Yt gets the name from the Indian Towne of Cutta-tonmen.' One of the boundaries of this 'divident' of land was the Dividing Creek." This place is still known as Dameron's Marsh and Dividing Creek was where Richard Lee lived, ancestor of General Robert E. Lee.

Again "Lawrence Dameron claims 450 acs. for importation of 9 pers. including himself and wife 21 Feb. 1658/9." This is in Northumberland County Book 2, p. 102. Mrs. Keach also says: "Mr. Dameron also bought a divident of land from Mr. Thomas Broughton in Mattapony in upper Northumberland county. By other purchases, he fina owned about 2,000 acres of land, for the most part in Wicomico parish." The Media Research account in "The Name and Family of Dam(e)ron," says, "In 1655 he organized Wicomico parish, providing it with churches, warden and vestry."

His wife's name was Dorothy and he appointed her sole executrix of his will, dated May 1, 1660, proved December 17, 1660, in Northumberland County. Their children were Bartholomew, eldest son, George, Lawrence and Dorothy, and Thomas who married Sarah Bledsoe, daughter of George Bledsoe.

Mrs. Keach says "The direct male descendants of George Dameron remained in possession of the original land bequeathed to him by his father, Lawrence, until the death of Mr. Robert J. Dameron in 1849." The old house was torn down at that time. This manorhouse was built 1735 at Guarding Point and acquired by John H. Harding in 1849, whose descendant, Ernest Harding, still lives on the estat but in a newer house built by the Hardings a century ago. The place is now called Ball's Neck as a general term for the region.

a. LAST WILL OF LAWRENCE DAMERON, 1660

"IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN--I LAWRENCE DAMERON being weake in body yett thanks be to God in perfect memory doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament in manner and forme following:

"I bequeath my soule to God, my creator and my body to the earth. I beque unto my sonne Bartholomew Dameron one halfe of five hundred acres of land situated in Great Wicocomoco which I bought of Mr. Peter Knight, the said land to be enjoyed peaceably by said Bartholomew and his heirs for ever, and to be delivered to him at the death of his mother with one cedar Bedstead, one long table with forme and benches to it, and one Couch, all which stands in the Great Roome.

"I give unto my son George Dameron, the other half of 500 acres of land above described to him and his heirs for ever with one Cedar Bedstead, one small table and one Couch which all stands in the Chamber to be divided at the death of his mother and then the land and the houses to be equally divided between Bartholomew and George Dameron . . . and George Dameron.

"I give unto ea . . . . . three sonnes Bartholomew Dameron and Thomas
. . . . . men servants that have fower . . . . .
. . . . . to serve five barrels of corne . . .
. . . . . one good feather bed with . . . . . .
fixed guns, one good chests . . . . . great
and one little fower . . . . .
three silver spoons, these to be . . . . .
they come to the . . . . .

"I give and bequeath . . . . .
one able man servant . . . . .
serve, six cows . . . . .
to it one inland . . . . .
(1) iron pot fower . . . . .
spoons to be deliv . . . . .

"I give and bequeath . . . . .
of the further ov . . . . .
halfe of it and . . . . .
that and the head of . . . . .
for them and theirs . . . . .
they come to the . . . .

"My will is that if . . . . .
come to the age of . . . . .
then the legacy . . . . .
be equally divided amongst the survivers . . . . . land belonging to the male.

"I doe give unto my wife Dorothy Dameron my debts and Legacies beingpaid and my children being maintained untill they come to age of 17 years the whole remainder of my estate hereby making her my full and whole and sole executrix. Hereby entreating and ordering Mr. Thomas Hopkins and Abraham Byran to be the overseers of this my last will and testament and to see it performed, unto each of which said persons I doe give twenty shillings sterling.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and this I acknowledge t be my last will and testament as witness my hand this first day of May 1660.

LAWRENCE DAMERON (Seale)

Witness,

Henry Mayes, Thomas Gaskins.

"December 17th, 1660, this will was proved in the county court of Northumberland to be the last will and testament of Lawrence Dameron by the oaths of Thomas Gaskins and Henry Mayes, execution thereof committed to Doro Dameron being appointed executrix in the Will and the said will is recorded."

(Note: This above will was found in an old book in Heathsville, Virginia, with the brittle pages crumbled away. It is copied down to show where the lines were obliterated. Whenever old records are quoted, I have tried to cop down the exact language and punctuation, though sometimes they have had to be taken from other copies and not from the originals.)

We may quote other old records concerning Lawrence Dameron:

"Laurence Damorell, p. 60. 20 Aug. 1655. The court orders that Laurence Damorell shall by the next court deliver up to Mr. Peter Knight his bond concerning the acknowledgment of a patent of land which x x Mr. Knight hath acknowledged in court." (Northumbria Collecteana, 1645-1720, by Fleet.)

The same reference shows: "Lawrence Dameron. Grant from Sir Wm. Berkeley, Knt. etc. 18 March 1662/3, 342 a. in Northumberland County, adjoining head of Yeocomoco River. This land formerly granted to sd Lawrence 10 Oct. 1655. Now renewed, re-recorded 20 June, 1711.(Does not show who did. 17, 112.)"

The same reference shows "Laurence, Dec'd, father of Geo. Grandfather of Thomas Jr. 19 Feb. 1705/6, 17.55."

In N. M. Nugent's book Cavaliers and Pioneers, 1931, we find, p. 234: "William Bac on 300 ac. Northumberland Co. p. 12, 1653, bounding NE upon Broad Creek betwixt Yeocomico and Mattapony rivers, NWly upon land of Anthony Linton, and SEly upon land of Lawrence Dameron. "

Page 325, Nugent: "Thomas Hale of Mettopony, Planter, 79 Acs. Northumberland Co. 24 Oct. 1655, p. 12 (17), beg. by a branch of the Great Swamp which rung into Broad Creek S.W. by Lawrence Dameron."

Page 372, Nugent: "Capt. John English, 1,000 acs. Northumberland Co., 25 Sept. 1657, p. 196 (286) NEly upon the head of Broad Creek, between Yeocomoco and Mattaponny Rivers, HWly upon land of Anthony Linton, SELy upon land of Lawrence Damron and Shepard and SW upon a branch which is included in Mr. Sackford Brewster's land and 300 acs. granted to Mr. W. M. Bacon, 9 Oct. 1653, assigned to Mr. Gervase Dodson, who assigned it to said English." Page 332 notes that "Dame Elizabeth Lunsford 1656 got 500 acs. at Brandon, Rappahannock." She was a famous character in her day.

Page 342: "Mr. Richard Rice 400 ac. Northumberland, 1656, on SW side of Mattapony River, NEly upon land of Robert Bradshaw and John Bradshaw, NWly on land of Laurence Dameron and a branch of Broad Creek, and Sly above the head of land of Mr. Thomas Broughton.

Nugent, p. 364: "Thomas Broughton 288 acs. Northumberland, 23 Mar. 1657, p. 165 (245) NE towards land of John Mattrom, Gent." New item: 300 acs. in same county 1 Dec. 1657, p. 166 (246) upon the head of the Broad Creek between Yeococomoco and Metopony Rivers, NWly upon land of Lawrence Linton and SEly upon land of Laurence Dameron. Granted unto Wm. Bacon deserted and now due."

Page 449: "James Clayton and James Johnson 668 acs. Northumberland, 21 Feb. 1664, p. 169 (51) beg. nigh the Maine branch of the Broad Creek Swamp and being a head line of Laurence Dameron's land.

Page 495: "James Claughton (Clayton) 345 acs. Northumberland 18 Mar. 1662, p. 312 (293) NE on Mattapony Riv. Nly upon Tanx Mattapony Riv. NW upon land of Law. Dameron, SE upon land of Robt. Bradshaw (or Bradshall), Granted to Robt. Bradshaw, 29 Nov. 1657, and sold to Edw. Williams who sold to sd Clayton."

Page 220:"Robert Bradshaw, 400 acs. Northumberland, 1651, p. 220, abutting NE upon Mattapony River and SE upon land of Nicholas Bennett."

Nugent's book consists of abstracts of patents from the land patents of Virginia granted by the royal authority. The Hornbook of Virginia History, p. 97, explains the headright system: "The head right system of land distribution was the essence of democracy. From 1610 to 1660, when small farms were profitable and wages for labor four and five times those paid in England, it made the Colony a veritable land of opportunity for the poor and middle classes across the ocean. By this system each settler, be he nobleman or churl, was entitled to 50 acres; so too were apprentices upon the completion of their apprenticeships. Practically all labor was supplied by white indentured servants until the century' last decade. In 1699 'treasury rights,' which meant the sale of unlimited land by the Colony to those who could pay the treasury five shillings for each 50 acres, were issued, and as a result, before 1715 the head right system had ceased to be an important factor in building Virginia civilization. As plantations grew in number and great landed estates appeared, the position of the small farmer and the white servant steadily deteriorated. The population was almost entirely English." Any man received fifty acres for each new colonist he "transported" to Virginia, including for himself and wife, and also, curiously enough, for every trip he made or if he brought the same man two or three times. "Transported" merely means he was the head right of the man who arranged for him to come over and does not imply that he was a servant or a prison escapee. However, I believe the person who collected the head right usually paid his way in the ship, but on the other hand everyone who came arranged to be somebody's head right in order to collect the 50 acres of land. It is to be noted that until about 1700 the New Year began on 25th.

On May 17, 1656, Lawrence Dameron was appointed as trustee to collect some debts his friend Henry Hurst had. James Sibble was one of the witnesses.

Meade in his Old Churches, Ministers and Families of Virginia, 1878, says there was very little Cavalier influence in Virginia, and those of high ranking families who came were usually younger sons, p. 189. The Northern Neck was the area where these Cavalier fam;ilies settled for the most part, some being refugees from Cromwell and the Restoration after 1650. As Lawrence Dameron came at this time he probably was of the Cavalier tradition and the Damerons are considered among the F.F.V. The Guarding Point manor house built by Thomas was used by Governor Berkeley during his exile at the time of Bacon's Rebellion, which perhaps means that its owner, George Dameron, was sympathetic with him. It was said to have been the finest house in the county, with windows wide enough to put a whole bed through.

The children of Lawrence and Dorothy Dameron were:

1. BARTHOLOMEW, eldest son, b. about 1645 according to Mrs. Keach, m. "Elizabeth 1666. Deposition dated Mch. 15, 1725, gives her age as 75. He was the ancestor of a long line, which I have traced as well as possible without more intensive research.

2. GEORGE, who m. Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis, about 1679 or 1680.

3. THOMAS, married Sarah Bledsoe, daughter of George Bledsoe. He is refer to in the old records as Thomas Sr. while Thomas Jr. is the son of George, d. 1

4. LAWRENCE, "born about 1653, the youngest son of Lawrence, Sr." who is sometimes confused with Lawrence, son of Bartholomew. In Fleet's Northumbria Collecteana, 1645-1720, he notes in the Northumberland Court Orders 20 Nov., 1669, 16. 145: "Lawrence, Dorothy, relect of Lawrence Dameron dec'd and Bartholomew Dameron, his eldest son and Elizabeth his wife, give for love and affection 'unto our loving brother Lawrence Dameron' all interest in 324 acres in Yeocomico Parish." This was recorded 1711 under the grant of 1662. Yeocomico Parish is in Westmoreland County adjoining Northumberland. This is apparently the land adjoining John Claughton, acquired by James Claught on or near Mattapony River, and next to Robert Bradshaw. In 1707-8 Lawrence Dameron, Jr. has land adjoining John Claughton in Mattapony Neck, St. Stephen's Parish.

5. DOROTHY b. 1656: "Deposition made July 29th, 1726, gave her age as 70, m. 1st Josias Gaskins, 2nd Samuel Mahan." The Northumberland County Court Orders have the following items: "15 Sept. 1703, motion of Samuel Mahons and Dorothy his wife, Relict of Joseph Gaskins, a com. of adm." On June 22, 1705, "Samuel Mahan and Dorothy his wife late Dorothy Gaskins adm. of Josias Gaskins, sued by Nicholas Seabourne."

Fleet has also a reference to Thomas Gaskins, Great Wicomico, land adjoinin Dameron, Harris, Bledsoe, Nicholas (Nickless). "Pepys says Gascoygne had high court standing under James I," according to Fleet, who says the name is properl spelled thus. Northumberland County Court Orders, 1678-1713, L.O. Duvall, p. 9 "Probate of Last Will of Isaac Gaskins to Elizabeth Gaskins, exr. proved by George Dameron and Charles Ingram, Feb. 17, 1709-10.

Dorothy Dameron Gaskins had a daughter Dorothy Gaskins and a son Josias:

1. Josias Gaskins, Jr. "18 May, 1704. Petition of Josias Gaskins and Dorothy Gaskins, sone and daughter of Mr. Josias Gaskins, for equal portion of their father's estate." (Northumberland County Orders.)

2. Dorothy Gaskins, who m. Onecephrous Harvey, a Quaker. "The Grand Jury having presented Dorothy Gaskins for having a bastard child and Onecephrous Harvey coming into court affirmed that the said Dorothy is and for some time before the child was born (for which she was presented) was his wife, and that they were married according to the rule of the Quakers whose religion they profe and having here in Court proved such their marriage, the said Presentment is therefore dismissed the said Harvie paying costs. 18 Nov. 1713, 6.5." Harvey was presented for not going to church in Wicomico Parish, 18 Nov. 1714, and agai in 1717. (6.9) In 1714 also Andrew Dameron 19 May, and Charles Dameron, were "presented for not going to church." They may also have been Quakers. (See p. 55, Northumbria Collecteana, by Fleet, for items on the Gaskins.

6. SAMUEL, probably the third son of Lawrence Dameron[1], as he was a contemporary of his sons George and Bartholomew. Samuel was discovered by Louise H. Dameron in the Calendar of Virginia State Papers I, p. 14, "On April 14,1683, a petition was presented from Peter Knight, John Waddy, John Taylor and Christopher Garlington, Vestrymen, and Samuel, George and Bartholomew Dameron, Church Wardens, to Lord Culpeper requesting him to re-instate Mr. Charles Dacres, the rector of Yecomico Church." Yecomico Church must here be a spelling for Wicomico Church in Wicomico Parish, rather than Yeocomico Church in Westmoreland County, but one can never be quite sure. In 1663 Westmoreland was formed from Northumberland which would be earlier. Samuel appears to be too old to be the son of any of the first generation in America as he would have to be 21 years of age to be a church warden, so far as I know, though it is conceivable he might be a son of Thomas.

As noted in the section on Onesipherous Dameron, his mother must have been connected with Onesephorus Harvey, as in the latter's will, 1732, he says, "Item, I give to Onesephorous Dameron Junr. one cow and calf." This was in Lancaster County, Virginia, adjoining Northumberland.

Onesipherous Dameron must be the son of Samuel, as he remained in Wicomico Parish, whereas the other possibility, Lawrence, Jr., had land in the upper part of Northumberland in St. Stephens' Parish. I had thought this land was in Westmoreland County, but according to Lucy Brown Beale it was in what is now St. Stephens' Parish, Northumberland. It seems possible to me that the land might have overlapped as there was usually a question of borders between new counties and it would be hard to trace an exact boundary line there. In any case, I found in Westmoreland the will of Samuel Damourvell, 1723, spelled thus by Fothergill and Damavarell by Crozier, showing theoriginal was hard to read. In reading early script, the "v" and "r" are often almost identical and hard to tell apart. Lawrence Dameron was spelled "Damourell," at times in the Northumberland court records. This will said "To son Samuel 6 negroes and 200 acres of land in Stafford Co., dau. Magdalene Rust 100 acres of land in Stafford; dau. Elizabeth Harrison, 140 acres of land in Stafford, wife Hannah, 2 negroes, 2 horses, 2 beds and furniture." This might be a Samuel Dameron, Jr. or Sr.

We find no mention of either Lawrence Jr. nor Samuel in the will of Lawrence Dameron[1], which was so mutilated as not to be sure how many children he had. We know he had a good deal of land in upper Northumberland but the will does not indicate who inherited any of it, though we know Bartholomew and George were given half each of the Peter Knight grant in Wicomico Parish, lower Northumberland.

It is possible we can trace something through the Harveys on this question, or further in Westmoreland records. As a later Onesiphorous Dameron went to Norfolk, Virginia, after the Revolution, and wedo not know any other line there, the James William Dameron there must be the descendant of Onesipherous, and the name James was used in this family. Oney S. married Alice Herbert 1812, and the will of James Dawley, bequeaths "to my daughter, Alice H. Dameron...to my grandsons, Isophorous Dameron, Robert B. Dameron, James D. Dameron and John F. Dameron," dated 1831, Norfolk City, Va.

On the question of the ancestry of William Dameron, the only authority we have points to his being the son of Bartholomew Jr. son of Bartholomew b. 1645 and Elizabeth Garlington. "Christopher[3] Dameron (Bartholomew[2], Lawrence[1]) presented the will of his brother, Bartholomew Dameron as his executor, on June 18, 1735, and was guardian of William (probably his nephew) in 1742." (Taken from a manuscript by Mrs. O.A. Keach on the Damerons of Northumberland County, Virginia, and the line of Thomas of Kentucky. See Appendices.)

Dorothy Gaskins had married Onecephorus Harvey, Quaker, before 18 Nov. 1713, as noted p. 55, Fleet's Northumberland County Records. In 1705 Onecephrus Harvey witnessed a deed from Mahane to Chilton. (Fleet's Northumbria Collectanea.) Torrence lists Harvey wills as: Onesephrus, 1732, Lancaster; Onesephrous, 1798, Northumberland; James 1726-7 inventory; John 1744, will, etc.

The name Gaskins was originally Gascoyne. We find an item indexed under Gaskins: "21 Jan. 1679-80, Jno. Taylor, Hen Mayse, Josias Gascoyne, Henry Gascoyne, in Behalf of orphans of Thos. Gascoyne, dec'd v. John Pinkard who marryed the relict of Thos. Gascoyne, and the five children to be delivered to Taylor, Mayse, Josias and Henry Gascoyne."

The present estate "Gascony" or "Gascoyne" was formerly the estate of Lawrence Dameron. Jennie Harding Cornelius wrote to me April 12, 1953: "I do think you have done a wonderful job of this Dameron line. I have not completed reading it. 'Gascoyne' is now owned by a Mr. and Mrs. Rudisill from Orange County. She was from this county, a descendant of Capt. Thomas Carter. I sent you the deed where Lazarus Dameron sold this property to Thomas Gaskins. The Gaskins family were French. The name was originally Gascoyne, pronounced Gas-coin, but the place is pronounced Gas-co-ne. The name was changed to Gaskins in a court order here, which is English. The oldest son inherited the manor plantation, which was later called Gascoyne after Thomas Gaskins bought it. Harding Blackwell lives on and owns a part of the place. GuardingPoint got its name from the Fort that was built on the marshes during the Revolution." She said Lawrence Dameron "owned all the land down there to the marshes, his son inherited Guarding Point." William A. Rudasill or Rudisill bought Gascony as a summer home several years ago. Guarding Point, where Ernest Harding of Rehoboth Church, Virginia, lives, is only about a mile from the Rudasill place at Gascony and you can see the house from across the creek.

From this and other information, apparently the original Dameron house was on what is now the "Gascony estate," and probably on the part now owned by Harding Blackwell, who told me his mother remembered seeing the site full of bricks and rubble and broken pottery. The Dameron cemetery, however, is on the present estate of Ernest Harding, who told me when I talked with him that there are no markers to the Dameron graves and that it is still used by the Harding family. The place is now referred to as "Garden Point" as well as "Guarding Point," and is in the Ball's Neck area near Wicomico Church, the address being Rehoboth Church, Virginia.

The original grant to Lawrence Dameron of May 12, 1652, is listed in Nugent "Lawrence Dameron, 340 acres, Northumberland County, p. 92, no date. Butting S.E. upon head of tax Yeococomico Riv. Trans. 7 servants, John Meekes, Thomas Clarke, Edward Maddox, 3 tymes, Elizabeth Cosinge, Carth. Wethersby, Dan Piggin." Then in 1669 Lawrence Jr. was given 324 acres in Yeocomico Parish, which would be in present Westmoreland County, Mrs. Cornelius says. The Historical Atlas of Westmoreland County, Virginia, by D.W. Eaton of Oak Grove, Virginia, 1942, did not show any grant to Lawrence Dameron, but we find references that it was "betwixt Yeocomico and Mattapony Rivers," near Anthony Linton, the Great Swamp, which runs into Broad Creek, and next to Thomas Broughton and John Mattrom etc. The boundary of Westmoreland County the Atlas says, p. 2, is from the mouth of Yeocomico River to the branch of Marshy Swamp to Muddy Run etc. Originally there were three parishes in Westmoreland but one was discontinued, the two being Appomattox (Washington) and Cople. The old Yeocomico Church is in Cople Parish and wardens were chosen 1655, so it is one of the oldest in Virginia. It is near Kinsale on the Yeocomico River. The Washingtons were of Westmoreland.

I have traced three lines of descent from Lawrence Dameron, those of George, Thomas and Bartholomew, but the youngest son, Lawrence, Jr. remains unknown at this writing. The Northumberland Court Orders show that in 1669, on Nov. 20, Dorothy, widow of Lawrence, and his eldest son, Bartholomew and wife Elizabeth, gave 'unto our loving brother Lawrence Dameron,' all interest in 324 acres in "Yeocomico Parish." This was recorded in 1711 under the grant of 1662. (Page 145, Fleet's Northumbria Collecteana.) This is evidently part of the original grant of Lawrence Dameron of 1652; listed by Nugent as "Lawrence Dameron, 340 acres, Northumberland Co. p. 92, no date. Butting S.E. upon head of tanx Yeococomico Riv. Trans. 7 servants, John Meekes, Thomas Clarke, Edward Maddox, 3 tymes, Elizabeth Coringe, Carth. Wethersby, Dan Piggin." (Note: The fact that Maddox was three times transported by Lawrence Dameron, indicates that he was probably a personal servant and that Lawrence made three trips to Virginia; he may have been a ship's officer as Capt. John Dameron was.) The grant was renewed in 1655 for 342 acres, and again 18 Mar. 1662-3, when it was described as "Grant from Sir. Wm. Berkeley, Knt. etc. 18 March, 1662-3, 342 a. in Northumberland County adjoining head of Yeocomoco River. This land formerly granted to sd. Lawrence 10 Oct. 1655. Now renewed, re-recorded 20 June, 1711." On p. 234 we find William Bac with land "bounding NE upon Broad Creek betwixt Yeocomico and Mattapony Rivers NWly upon land of Anthony Linton, and SEly upon land of Lawrence Dameron." Also in Nugent is listed Lawrence Hale, 1655, with land "beg. by a branch of the Great Swamp which runs into Broad Creek S.W. by Lawrence Dameron." He is of "Mettopony." Also it is described as next to Mr. Thomas Broughton, which is next to John Mattrom

Lawrence Dameron did not buy his GuardingPoint-Gascony estate in the lower part of Northumberland County until 1657, so apparently he first lived in the upper part in what is now St. Stephens Parish where his grant was in 1652. "The Name and Family of Dameron," by Media Research Bureau, says, "In 1655 he organized Wicomico Parish, providing it with churches, warden and vestry," but I do not know the source of this information and this organization is defunct. John Mattrom in 1645 was the first burgess from Northumberland when it became a county in that year or in 1648, according to another authority, it being originally called Chicacoan and including all northern Virginia. In 1651 Lancaster was taken off and in 1663 Westmoreland County, on the border of which latter county lived Col. Eskridge at Sandy Point, guardian of Mary Ball, mother of Washington, and she lived there for a time. John Mattrom lived at the Coan River, and his daughter Frances married Gov. Nicholas Spencer. One authority says he left Maryland in disaffection and came to this region in 1640 (WPA Guide to Virginia.)

As I thought the grant might have been in Westmoreland County, I wrote to Lucy Brown Beale, of Hague, Virginia, to search for information on the Damerons, and also looked up a few references. I could not find anything on the Lawrence Dameron grant in the Historical Atlas of Westmoreland County, Virginia, by D.W. Eaton of Oak Grove, Virginia, 1942, in which Miss Beale did a chapter. Page 2 says the boundary of the county is from the mouth of the Yeocomico River to the branch of Marshy Swamp to Muddy Run. Thomas Broughton is listed as a headright of Thomas Hobkins in 1654--also Andrew Monroe, ancestor of President Monroe, who was born in Westmoreland.

Eaton says on p. 22 that there were three parishes but one was discontinued. He does not say which one, the other two being Appomattox (formerly Washington) and Cople. Yeocomico Church is in Cople Parish and is one of the oldest in Virginia, the wardens being chosen as early as 1655. This is not far from Kinsale on the Yeocomico River.

Patents of Westmoreland County, Va., 1643-1742, show no Dameron entries.

In Wills of Westmoreland County, Va. 1654-1800, by Fothergill, I found on p. 75 Samuel Damourvell. This may be one of the spellings of Dameron, as the original Lawrence was spelled Damarell in the court records occasionally, and his grandson Lazarus and his branch usually spelled it that way. The name may not have been transcribed correctly from the original 17th century script, also. This will was dated 12 April, 1723; 8 Aug. 1723, "To son Samuel 6 negroes and 200 acres of land in Stafford Co., dau. Magdalene Rust 100 acres, of land in Stafford; dau. Elizabeth Harrison, 140 acres of land in Stafford, wife Hannah, 2 negroes, 2 horses, 2 beds and furniture." The same Will is listed in Virginia County Records, Publ. N.S. 1, Westmoreland Wills, Crozier, as "Damavarell, Samuel," p. 30, 12 Apr. 1723, 8 Aug. 1723, w. Hannah. We know that Luke Dameron in his father's will is said to have "gone to Westmoreland." (His father was William of St. Stephens). He. m. Jemima Harrison in 1794 and his brothers were John,William, Bartholomew, sister Fanny m. Richardson.

In the Valentine Papers, p. 96, I found Wm. Bacon patented 300 acres in Northumberland County on Broad Creek between Yeocomico and Mattapony Rivers, adj. Anthony Linton and Lawrence Dameron for transporting Eliza Lacy, Ed. Tapp, Phillip Lanceford, John Butcher, James Wrey, and Hen Weed, Mch. 9, 1653 (3 p. 12.)

Bartholomew, son of Lawrence Sr., the immigrant, had two sons, Josiah and Lawrence Jr., who received land in this same place in St. Stephens. The father's will of 1708 in Northumberland gives his son "Josiah the Remainder part of my land in Mattapony, vitz. from his brother Laurence up the Neck to the Extent there of to him & his heirs forever and to have priviledge for pasture with his brother for seven years." This would be in the general region of Heathsville. A reference in the Court Orders shows: "Land adj. Jno. Claughton in Mattapony Neck, St. Stephens Parish, 18 Jan. 1707-8; 17.89." (Fleet.) One of the Lawrence Jrs. married a wife named Jane and had 3 sons, but I have not found the original reference for this except in Keach.

I also sent the pay bill of 1776 with John Damron's name on it to Miss Beale thinking she could identify which county the company was raised in from the names, and she replied "In regard to "A Pay Bill of Capt. Thomas Walker," etc. the names sound very much like Essex or Gloucester County names to me. This information can be obtained from the Adjutant General's Office, National Archives, Washington, D.C." Anne Waller Reddy said she thought Danmel Waller was of the Stafford Wallers. Eubanks is a Northumberland name, so also are Taylor, Blackwell, Cox, Harding and Waddy--on this pay bill.

The following letter dated May 18, 1953, is from the genealogist Lucy Brown Beale, of Hague, Virginia, in Westmoreland County:

"I spent a little while in our Westmoreland County records and found nothing to help you. The first Dameron record was: Luke Dameron 1789. Let me clear up one point and that is--Samuel Damouvel is not Dameron. These names must not be confused.

"Without going into the Northumberland records in regard to Vol. Pg. I can tell you that the early Lawrence Dameron who had grant 1652 with wife Dorothy who gives deed of gift to her children 1669 appear to be the beginning of the Dameron family here in the Northern Neck. This early grant was between Yeocomico River and Mattopony, these little rivers are in the upper portion of Northumberland county and this section was at various times called Yeocomico Parish, Chicacone Parish, Fairfield Parish and finally called St. Stephens Parish, Northumberland. County. This particular section of land was never in Cople Parish , Westmoreland County.

"I cannot say whether Lawrence Dameron and wife Dorothy came across from Maryland with the Claughtons, Broughtons, Mottroms and other of their near neighbors or not; however, the early Maryland records might help you in the origin of the family in America.

"Bartholomew Dameron, son of Lawrence, moved, lived and died in Wicomico Parish, Northumberland County, where he left issue that were very numerous. The Dameron of Wicomico intermarried with the Blestoe family on which Robert C. Siefried, 2360 Staples Mill Road, Richmond 28, Va. has numerous notes.

"In regard to the early Dameron grant, if you will take a map of Northern Neck of Virginia and locate Kinsale, Va., and Callao, Va. then look into the neck of land where Mundy Point and Harry Hogan are located you will ascertain exactly where the early Dameron grant was situated.

"Mundy Point and Harry Hogan lie between the Yeocomico and Mattopony Rivers, Mattopony is not called by this name now.

"You will find the Dameron data in the Northumberland records, St. Stephens Parish and Wicomico Parish. There are many of the Damerons living in the lower part of Northumberland and Lancaster Counties now. We have Damerons here in Westmoreland now, but no early records on Dameron.

"I have some scattering Dameron notes that I can compile for you, but expect Mrs. Cornelius has picked up all that I have.

"Let me explain again that Yeocomico Parish is the same as St. Stephens Parish. Cople Parish does contain Yeocomico Church, but the Dameron grants were in Northumberland Co. and not Westmoreland.

"Your contribution to the Northern Neck Historical Society should be sent to Mrs. Henry Mason, Montross, Virginia, Librarian."

MEN OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA, TAKING OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO ENGLAND (VIRGINIA HISTORICAL MAGAZINE, P. 33), 1652

"Wee whose names are subscribed doe promise and Ingage ourselves to be true and faithfull to the Commonwealth of England as it is now established without King or House of Lordes.

John Mottrom
Tho: Speke
John Trussell
Willie Yeresly
Wal Brodhurst
Nicholas Morris
Ri: Flynt
Peter Knight
Jacob Coutanceau
Henry Rayner
Hugh Lee
George Colclough
John Haynie
Tho Gaskins
John Dennis*
John Mottrom
John Gresham
Tho Hales*
Will: Thomas
Rich: Budd*
Simon Richardson
George Allan
Matthew Rhodon
William Vincent
Isaac Weaver*
John Waddy*
Tho: Kingwell
Rich: Holden*
Abraha Byram*
John Hayward*
Thomas Gaskins
Geo Hele*

Ralph Horsley*
Wm. Medcalfe*
Philip Carpenter
Tho. Brewer*
Tho. Prickett*
Jo Powell*
Willia Presly
Robert Smith
Andrew Coex (?)*
Walter Weekes
Richard Hubball
Wm. Spicer*
Tho Bailes*
David Spiller*
Henry Hurst*
James MacGreggor*
John Essex*
Wm. Allenson*
Cornelius Robinson*
Roger Pullen*
Sebone(?) Bishop
John Bennett
Henry Cartwright
Peter Presly
JohnAires*
Henry Toppin*
Tho Haile*
Jo Kent*
Tho Coggin*
Wm. Reynolds*
John Bailes*
Wm. Cornish*

Rich Claire*
Alex Mardwell*
The Salisbury
Edw. Henly*
Tho. Keene*
Tho: Broughton
John Earle
Wm. Warder*
John Stanley*
Edw: Hudson*
Hen: Barnes*
James Willis*
Tho: Sheapard*
Hen: Mosley*
Rob: Newman*
Rich: Walker*
Charles Ashton
John Ingorom
John Smith
Th. Wilsford
John Bradshawe
Luke Dyne*
James Claughton
Samuell Smyth
Willm Cocke
Natty Hickman
Robert Bradshaw
Humfry ffulford
John Hollowes
John Rosier
John Walton
Andrew Munroe
Daniel Lisson

John Tew
Lewes Gilman*
Gershon Cromwell*

(Am.Pub. V. Vol. 49)

(*Names so marked were signed with the signer's marks.)

(Above was sent by Irene Rivers Schow. She said Lawrence Dameron was not on the list.)

"The oath transcribed above was recorded at a court held for the county of Northumberland on the 13th day of April 1652, the testimonial of George Fletcher having been executed in advance of the meeting of the court. This date was approximately one month after the ship bearing Cromwell's Commissioners drew up before Jamestown and demanded the surrender of Virginia. Although the Virginians were prepared to resist, they held a conference with the Commissioners and surrendered after due deliberation, realizing that the odds were against them."

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(Note by HFS: In 1649 the Virginia Merchant arrived in Virginia with about 300 Cavalier refugees and the Northern Neck was the place they hoped to live as it was under patent to the Culpeppers, whowere Cavaliers. It was issued by the King 1649 and an Act of Parliament declared it forfeit in 1651. A Virginia Puritan, Richard Bennett, became Governor of Virginia Apr. 30, 1652. Virginia, like England and New England, was a Republic until 1660 when the Restoration of Charles II took place. In 1651 Cromwell had shipped 1,610 prisoners of war taken at Worcester, mostly Scots, to Virginia. The Balls and Washingtons were Royalist sympathizers. Above Andrew Monroe was the ancestor of the President. The Lees were also Cavaliers. The word Cavalier meant on the side of the King, common soldiers were also called so.

CHARTS SHOWING THE DESCENDANTS OF LAWRENCE DAMERON, WHO CAME TO VIRGINIA BEFORE 1652, WITH HIS WIFE DOROTHY, THEIR CHILDREN BEING: BARTHOLOMEW, ELDEST, GEORGE, THOMAS, SAMUEL, LAWRENCE, JR. AND DOROTHY, WHO MARRIED JOSIAS GASKINS

- DOROTHY b. 1656, m. (1) Josias Gaskins, (2) Samuel Mahan
  - JOSIAS, JR.
  - DOROTHY m. Onecephrus Harvey, a Quaker
- LAWRENCE, youngest son, given 324 acres in Yeocomico Parish, 1669, by his mother
  - JOSEPH
    - Mary b. 1714, St. Stephens' Parish
- GEORGE d. 1698, of Wicomico Parish, m. Elizabeth, wid. of John Dennis
  - ELIZABETH m. Charles Ingram
    - JOHN m. Hannah Pines
      - SARAH m. Christopher Dameron
  - GEORGE, Inv. 1721, m. Margaret, dau. Lazarus Taylor (she m. (2) Thomas Winter, 1746
    - JUDITH m. Richard Howson
    - ELIZABETH m. John Waddy (2), Robert Pinkard
      - JOHN
      - THOMAS m. Anne Dameron
      - ELIZABETH m. Joseph Dameron, W. 1759
      - MARY m. Bartholomew Dameron
        - NANCY
          - GEORGE 1731-1801 m. Mary Anne Jones, lived at Guarding Point, Wicomico
            - ALICE m. Giddings
            - ROBERT, of Wicomico
            - THOMAS
            - GEORGE
            - WASHINGTON
          - ELIZABETH m. Samuel Downing, Sr.
          - WINIFRED m. Samuel Downing, Jr.
          - THOMAS, of St. Stephens', d.s.p.
          - ANNE m. Thomas Waddy, 1764
  - Col. THOMAS, 1683-1750, of Wicomico, m. (1) Katherine Hughlett, (2) Winifred, wid. of Edward Fielding, (3) Ann Ball, wid. John Pope
    - HANNAH
    - GEORGE, m. Anne Thany, res. Albemarle and Buckingham Cos., Va.
      - MICHAEL, of Buckingham Co. 1784
        - DUNMORE, m. Patsy Cox
          - John, Drury C., Zachariah, Samuel, Leland, Charles, Polly? Res. Nelson, Amherst & Albemarle, Va.
      - GEORGE m. Susanah Thomas; moved to Ky.
        - George, John T., Robert T., Mickey m. Richard Gentry, Samuel, Joseph, Wilson m. Sarah McClain. Res. Green and Adair Counties, Ky.
    - RICHARD, d.s.p.
    - JOHN, d. 1757
      - CHARLES
    - MOSES, inherited father's estate
    - JUDITH, m. 1753 Noble Ladd
      - ANNE m. Capt. John Damron, b. 1757, Rev. soldier
    - WINIFRED m. John Thomas
      - CHARLES
      - LAZARUS, of Russell Co., Va. and Floyd Co., Ky.
      - RICHARD, of Russell and Floyd
        - BUCK
          - ALEX
            - MOSES m. Jennie Mullins, 1812, Pike Co., Ky.
            - LAZARUS, Moses, ch. Samuel, Wm., John Tom, Lazarus, Jane, Paulina.
      - MOSES, of Russell and Fleming
      - CAPT. JOHN b. 1757 m. Anne Ladd
  - LAZARUS, d. 1749, Albemarle Co., m. Elizabeth Smith, dau. of Richard

CHART B

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, of Northumberland County, Va. m. Dorothy ____

II. BARTHOLOMEW, 1645-1708, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Christopher Garlington, and lived in Wicomico Parish, Northumberland County, Va.

ELIZA MARY SARAH BARTHOLOMEW, W.1735,

JOHN, youngest, W. 1743, Wicomico, m. 1728 Elizabeth, dau. Thomas Taylor (she m. 2nd George Flowers)

JOSIAH, of Mattapony, m. 1716, wid. of Pemberton Claughton.

CHRISTOPHER, W. 1764, m. Sarah, dau. of George Ball and cousin of George Washington's mother. She moved to Brunswick

LAWRENCE, of Mattapony, St. Stephens' Parish, Va.

BARTHOLOMEW, W. pr. 1807, m. Mary Waddy?

BARTHOLOMEW m. Lucy
THOMAS, m. Nancy Ann Ball
ELIZABETH W. m. Rev. Lewis Lunsford and (2) Elisha Carter, moved to Ky. and Mo.

JOSEPH, W. 1759 m. Elizabeth Waddy

THOMAS, W. 1766

JOHN, W. 1777, Halifax, N.C. m. Sarah Tignor

WILLIAM, left an orphan, guardian his uncle Christopher; Will proved 1773 by wife? Susannah, children not named in will but are mentioned

WILLIAM, Will 1785, of Heathsville, Va. m. Elizabeth, her will 1792

GEORGE

CHRISTOPHER, Inv. 1836
Alexander

LUKE, moved to Westmoreland

Dau. m. Leroy Oldham

WILLIAM, W. 1821, of St. Stephens' Parish

Dau. m. Lewis
Edward Dameron Lewis

ROGER m. dau. of Dr. Jones, Leannah. He lived in Richmond Co. Va. and Northumberland Co., Va.

JOHN, heir

LUKE, m.1794 Jemima Harrison

FANNY m. Richardson
Eliza Mary

WILLIAM m. Nancy, St. Stephens Parish

BARTHOLOMEW, m. Lucy Lewis

CHARLES m. Nancy Pope and (2) Jane (Janetta) Keene, 1822 He d. Jan.19,1848

WILLIAM, m. Milly He was b. 1777, Richmond County, Va.

JOHN CORBIN, in War of 1812, m. Hester ____ He was b. 1784.

MOLLEY DRAPER, b. 1786

LUKE WILLIAMS, b. 1789, m. Polly C. Dameron

WILLIAM, b. 1792, m. Lucinda Sandy, 1818, & Harriet Lewis

HENRY C.

JEREMIAH J.

VIRGINIA

ELIZABETH A., d. s. p.
JOSEPH McADAM b. 1823
MARY E. J. b. 1827
JAMES ALBERT b. 1832
HENRY LAWSON b. 1836

JOSEPH m. Sarah Hammack & Alice Edwards

JOSEPH m. Amelia Ambrose

MARTHA M. John J. Shackleford

JOHN C. m. Lucy ____

RICHARD L. m. Alice Harper

SAMUEL L. m. Ethel G. Sisson
LAURA B. m. C. H. Fones
FANNY C. m. Lucius Balderson

HESTER E. m. John Sydnor
LOVEMMA m. Charles H. Fallin
MARY S.

ALICE J. m. Wm. S. Obeir
LOTICIA ANN m. Frederick Tyson
MARY FRANCES m. Henry Taylor

BARZELLA JAMES m. Isabelle Edwards

ANDREW F. J. m. Elizabeth H. Richardson

CHARLES STEPTOE, m. Mary Adeline Anderson

BENJAMIN WILMORE, m. Ida Edwards Hudnall

FERDINAND J.
JOSEPHINE K.
DRUCILLA A. m. John Wesley Anderson
SARAH FRANCES

CHART C.

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, of Northumberland County, Va. 1652, m. Dorothy _____.

II. BARTHOLOMEW, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Christopher Garlington. He d. 1708.

III. ELIZA, MARY, SARAH, LAWRENCE

BARTHOLOMEW JOSIAH (See Chart B for above.)

JOHN, Will 1743, Wicomico Parish, Northumberland, m. Elizabeth Taylor

CHRISTOPHER, Will 1764, m. Sarah, dau. of George Ball, and cousin of George Washington's mother. The widow moved to Brunswick Co., Va. with her sons Samuel, Joseph, Bartholomew.

BARTHOLOMEW, Will 1807 (See other chart.)

JOSEPH, heir, of Northumberland, Will 1759 m. Elizabeth Waddy

NANCY

THOMAS, Will 1766, of Wicomico

JOHN m. Sarah or Sukey Tignor. He d. 1777 Halifax Co., N.C.

BETTY m. Williams
Sarah,
Judith,
Tignor, Rev. soldier, sold land 1789 Halifax Co., N.C.
Christopher, heir
Joseph m. Haynie, moved to Green & Lincoln Cos., Tenn.
John, of Green and Lincoln Cos., Tenn. m. Elizabeth

THOMAS, sole heir

LAZARUS

JO.

AARON m. Eliz. Perkins

MOSES

BARTHOLOMEW, heir to entail m. Anne Moorehead, in Brunswick, 1768

MARY

GRACE

SARAH m. 1st Josias Gaskins, 2nd Lattimore

ELIZABETH, m. John Coppedge and 2nd Isaac Coppedge

SAMUEL, 1784 bought land in Brunswick, youngest

JOHN W. 1782, Lancaster Co., Va. m. Rachel sister of Lott Palmer

JOSEPH m. 1762 Patience Coppedge, and was taxed in Brunswick, 1782 Will 1818, Caswell

CHRISTOPHER, of Brunswick Co., Va. and Caswell Co., N.C. m. Sarah Ingram

ALEXANDER, 1765-1823, m. Becky Lightfoot, ch:
MARY m. Johnson, BETSEY, BLANCHE,
ANGELINA m. Browder,
JAMES, went to Mississippi, and a son WILLIAM HENRY, m. Julia Mangum, 1836. He was b. 1809, d. 1892, Brunswick Co., Va.
Ch:

HANNAH, m. Webb
JEMIMA, m. Webb
SAMUEL
JOHN

JOHN BARTHOLOMEW, 1775-1847 m. Rebecca Malone

CHRISTOPHER, unm. 1808

JOHN TYLER, m. Nancy May Love

WM. LEWIS

JUDITH, m. Jos. Knight, Caswell, N.C.

THOMAS W. m. Sally Roberts

THOMAS, Jr.

PATIENCE, m. Eagan

BETSEY

GEORGE BALL b. 1771 m. Mary W. Moore, had 13 children

JOSEPH b. 1763, Rev. soldier of Amelia and Caswell Cos. Va., & N.C.

GEORGE W., d.s.p. 1863

WM. THOMAS, d.s.p. 1862

JOSEPH H. m. Maria Short

GEORGE of Crozier, Va.

MARY WINIFRED m. Francis Hicks Cleaton

MARY THOMAS m. James A. Leach
VIOLA JULIA m. Richard Toone
MARTHA HIBERNIA m. L. F. Fleming
SUSIE CHILDS CLEATON m. Rev. Lester Weaver
MARVIN FRANCIS m. Mattie Virginia Skeen

JOHN ALEXANDER m. Tempe B. Williams, of Warrenton, N.C.

CLENT D.

CHARTS SHOWING THE DESCENDANTS OF LAWRENCE AND DOROTHY DAMERON, THEIR CHILDREN BEING BARTHOLOMEW, GEORGE, THOMAS, SAMUEL, LAWRENCE, JR. AND DOROTHY WHO MARRIED JOSIAS GASKINS AND (2) SAMUEL MAHAN.

THOMAS m. Sarah, dau. of George Bledsoe. He left no will. He was co-heir of the Wicomico estate adjoining Gaskins on Wicomico River.

CHARLES, whose heir was Bledsoe

ANDREW, in Court with Charles, 1714, Wicomico

BLEDSOE m. Ann, d. before 1795

CHARLES, JR.

Dau. m. Spriggs

Dau. m. Williams

Winifred

Charles

HANNAH ELIZABETH NANCY MARY GEORGE, Inv. 1784

ONESIPHOROUS M. Mary W. 1794, his W. 1782 son Jesse m. Barbara; Mary m. Blenford, Nanny m. Kellum

ONESIPHOROUS, JR. W. 1799, Norfolk, Va. m. Martha, wid. of Christopher Tompkins. He was in Norfolk 1790, with land in Edenton, Pasquotank Co., N.C.

ISAAC, heir, m. Mary

EDMOND

ABRAHAM, Rev. soldier, Northumberland

EDWARD

MAURICE, in N.C. 1766

THOMAS, in 1790 in Pasquotank, N.C. with Onesiphorous, Edenton Dist.

JACOB m. Mary, was Rev. soldier. Dau. b. 1775, St. Stephens, named Anne

SAMUEL, a lost son found by Louise H. Dameron in the Calendar of Virginia State Papers, I, p.14: "On April 14, 1683, a petition was presented from Peter Knight, John Waddy, John Taylor, and Christopher Garlington, Vestrymen, and Samuel, George and Bartholomew Dameron, church wardens, to Lord Culpeper requesting him to reinstate Mr. Charles Dacres, the rector of Yecomico Church." Samuel probably m. _____ Harvey, dau. of Onesephorus Harvey, Lancaster County, Va. ment. in will, 1732.

ONESIPHOROUS, W. 1762, of Wicomico Parish (m. possibly dau. of Maurice Jones)

ONEY S. m. Alice Herbert (Dawley), 1812, Norfolk City

JOSEPH

JAMES WILLIAM b. 1765, m. Mary Warren and (2) Jane Keeling

John F. Isophorous Robert B. James D.

JOHN b. 1809, m. Ellen Sykes

NANCY b. 1791

WILLIAM b. 1793

SOPHIA, b. 1797

JAMES WM. JR. b. 1799

SAMUEL KEELING b. 1800

FANEY CATHRINE b. 1802

MARY ANN PIGOTT b. 1807

MARY JANE, only child, m. Sylvester Baker Moore

JOHN DAMERON b. 1856

WILLIAM JAMES b. 1859

HELEN VIRGINIA

ALICE ELIZABETH

MARY AGNES, also SYLVESTER BAKER, b. 1872

FRANCES MATILDA, b. 1874

INDIE (INDIANA) KEMPER, AND JANE KEELING MOORE. b. 1877

iii. THE DESCENDANTS OF GEORGE DAMERON AND ELIZABETH DENNIS.

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who came to Northumberland County, Virginia, before 1652.

II. GEORGE, son of above Lawrence, who married Elizabeth Dennis, widow of John Dennis, in 1679 or 1680. He inherited the manor at Guarding Point in Wicomico Parish, which was kept by his descendants until 1849 when landawas dee by Robert J. Dameron to John Hopkins Harding and William Harding, brothers. Robert made deeds to both Hardings and Jennie Harding Cornelius says: "All William's brothers inherited much property and money from him and it is likely this property was bought by William Harding and given to his brother J. Hopkins or his children." The old Dameron house was torn down about 1849. George Dameron died 1698 and his brother Bartholomew administered the estate April 15, 1702. The children of George Dameron were Elizabeth, Thomas,George and Lazarus

"Adm. to Elizabeth Dennis, ye relict of John Dennis on his Estate, Elizabeth Dennis, Mr. Bartholomew Dameron, bond for Est., Mr. George Dameron, Mr. Christopher Garlington, Mr. John Pinkard and Mr. Thos. Waddy to appr. Est.(30)," p. 3, Northumberland County Orders, 1678-1713, L.O. Duvall. Date 15 Jan. 1678-9. The same reference p. 55 shows: "Mr. Bartholomew Dameron admr. of George Dameron to pay unto Philip Tignor and Sarah his wife late Sarah Dennis dau and sole heir of John Dennis, decd & her est. in thepos. of the sd. Geo. Dameron who marryed sd. Sarah's mother & widow of the sd. John Dennis. 25 Sept. 1699."

1. Elizabeth, daughter of George and Elizabeth Dennis Dameron, m. Charles Ingram. The above reference, p. 63, also says: "April 15, 1702, motion of Charles Ingram by his petition for division of the estate of Mr. George Dameron decd. into four equal parts and the possession of the sd. Charles Ingram who marryed one of the sd. Dameron's daughters with her part."

2. Col. Thomas Dameron, Will 1750-1, age 67, left his property to son Geor

3. George Dameron. Above reference shows 18 June, 1702, "George Dameron, orphan son of George Dameron, chose Mr. Christopher Garlington Guardian." He married Elizabeth Taylor, daughter of Lazarus. An abstract of the will of Lazarus Taylor Feb. 9, 1711, recorded Jan. 18, 1726-7, in Book 1720-29, p. 36, mentions eldest son William, brother John Taylor, sons Argill and Lazarus, Aaron and John, daughter Margaret, son-in-law George Dameron. Witnesses were John Coppedge, James Taylor, John X Hill (his mark.) Fleet's Northumbria Collectanea, p. 32-3, has "George Dameron. Phillip Tignor orphan bound to him. 16. Jan.1716-7, 6. 187;" also "George Dameron Permitted to bring Dennis Tignor orphan son of Phillip Tignor to next Court for examination. Dennis got a little out of hand. 19 Sept. 1716. 6. 182." George Dameron witnessed the will of his uncle Bartholomew in 1708 with John Ingram. He m. Elizabeth Taylor in 1720.

4. LazarusDameron who sold his land in Wicomico Parish, 1725, and went to King George County, where in 1726 there is a deed in his name, which this branch usually spelled "Damarel" in early times. He left Hanover Parish in King George and died in Albemarle County, Virginia, 1749.

1. COLONEL THOMAS DAMERON OF GUARDING POINT

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who came to Northumberland County before 1652, at Guarding P

II. GEORGE, son of Lawrence, died 1698, w. Elizabeth,widow of John Dennis.

III. COL. THOMAS, died age 67, Will dated March 27, 1750, son of George and Eliz He married Katherine Hughlett, by whom he had two children:

1. Elizabeth. She married a Downing.

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2. Thomas, who died unmarried. He was left a large estate in St. Stephens Parish, Northumberland County, by his grandfather Hughlett.

The Court Orders 1756-58, p. 155 have this: "On motion of Elizabeth Downing who made Oath to law Certificate is granted her for obtaining Letters of Admrs of the estate of Thomas Dameron dec'd in due form for giving security whereupon she together with Samuel Blackwell & Ellis Gill acknowledged bond for the Admrs. of sd. Estate." On the same page, May 9, 1757: "John Hughlett, Elisha Betts, John Christopher & Thos.Williams or any three of them are appointed to appraise on Oath in Current money the slaves if any and personal estate of Thomas Dameron dec that shall be presented to their view & return an Inventory thereof to the next Court."

Katherine Hughlett died shortly after the birth of her second child and Col. Thomas Dameron married,second, Winifred Conway Fielding, by whom he had a daughte

3. Winifred Dameron, who married Samuel Downing, Jr. They had a son Thomas.

Col. Thomas Dameron survived his second wife and married, third, Ann Ball, widow of John Pope, who died 1764 (Ann). By her he had three children:

4. Anne,referred to in her father's will as "Anne Dameron," hence this implie that she was not married in 1750, as Elizabeth Downing and Winifred Downing are mentioned as his daughters by their married names. In 1764 she married Thomas Waddy, a second cousin.

5. George Dameron, who inherited his father's estate at Guarding Point, but was not of age when his father's will was made. He was born 1731 and died 1801. About 1762 or 1763 he married Mary Ann Jones, daughter of Charles. He was the grandson of Capt. George Ball, who also lived at Bay View in Wicomico on the estat adjoining the Damerons, and who was first cousin of Mary Ball, mother of George Washington. Mary Ball's father Joseph was the son of William Ball, the immigrant to Lancaster County, Will 1680. George Dameron was vestryman in Wicomico church and active in local affairs. The children mentioned in his will of 1801 were George Washington, Thomas, Robert and Alice Giddings. It also mentions his wife Mary Ann and the children of his son Thomas, friends Capt. Thomas Hurst, Henry L. Gaskins and Jesse Crowder, executors. Dated Feb. 19, 1801, proved 12 Oct. 1801. It gives to son Thomas "the land he lives on and seventy acres formerly given to George W. Dameron," the deed of gift being Oct. 17, 1796. (Note: The Descendants of Hugh Brent, p. 149, says Isaac Brent b.1796, d. 1848 Northumberland, m. Mary Dameron of Northumberland on Mar 8, 1818, b. 1791, grand-dau.of George and Mary An Dameron. She d. June, 1862. Mrs. Pearce says George m. Ann Jones 1756.

a. WILL OF COL. THOMAS DAMERON OF NORTHUMBERLAND, 1750-1751

"I, THOMAS DAMERON SENR. of the County of Northumberland being Sick & weak of Body but of Sound mind and memory thanks be to God do make this my last Will and Testament in manner following viz. First I co mmit my soul to God my Creator and my Body to the Earth its original being fully assured that the Sacrifice of Crist is a Worthy Expiation for all his sins of the faithfull and therefore hope that my Soul and body Will have a Joyfull meating at the Resurrection of the Just by the Merits Mediation and Intercession of our Compleat Redeamer the Lord Jesus Christ Amen, I Give to my son George Dameron the land I now live on with the appurtenances and also the Land I bought of John Nickles to have and to hold unto my Said Son George and the heirs of his Body lawfully begotten for ever and for want of such heirs I give the said lands to my son Thomas Dameron and the male heirs of his Body Lawfully Begotten and for want of Such Issue to my two daughters Winnifred Downing and Anne Dameron and the heirs of their bodys Lawfully Begotten. Item, I give my son Thomas Dameron my negro Woman called Nan and her future increase, Item I give to my Grandson Thomas Downing and his Heirs my negro Girl called Winney and her Increase--

"Item, I Give to my son Thomas Dameron and my Daughter Elizabeth Downing after the Death or Marriage of my Wife Anne Dameron two negroes Viz. Robin & Phillis a Woman to be Equally Divided between them and their heirs, Item I give to my Daughter Elizabeth Downing one thousand Pounds Tobo, to be paid by my exetrs. here after mentioned,

"Item, I give to my son George Dameron and his heirs three negroes viz, Charles, Moses and Moll and her Increase, Item, I give to my Said son George one feather bed Bedstead and furniture Six Cows, five Ewes six head of hogs one horse colt and also my Pistolls Holsters Sound and my new Duty of Man to be paid to him when he shall attain to age or Married.

"Item, I give to my daughter Winnifred Downing and her heirs one negro Girl called Jane and her Increase, and also one feather bed and furniture Six head of Cattle five Ewes six head of hogs all which she now haith in her possession. Item I Give my Daughter Anne Dameron and her heirs her choice of my Negro Girls not herein before Given and her Increase and also one feather bed and furniture Six Cows, five Ewes six head of hogs one Mair which is now called her mair and her future Increase to be Paid to her when she Shall attain to age or married, Item I give to my Brother Lazarus Dameron twenty Shillings Current Money to be paid upon his Demand, Item it is my Will and Desire that my Debts and Legacies being first paid the Rest of my Estate be kept together for the Maintainance and advantage of my Wife and two Children my son George and my Daughter Anne till they attain to age or Shall marry and then I Give to my Said Wife the use of a negro man Called Robin and two negro Women Phillis and Winney and all the negroes I had with my Said Wife Except Charles here in before Given During her Natural Life or Widowhood and also the half of my household Goods and of all my Stock and other Personal Estate not here in before Given During her Widowhood or Natural Life and no Longer, Item I give all the Rest of my Negroes and all my other personal Estate not here in before absolutely Given to my three children viz. my son George my Daughter Winnefred and my Daughter Anne and their . . . heirs to be Equally Divided between them When my son George Shall attain to the age of twenty-one years or Married--

"Item, I give to my three children, Viz. my son George my Daughter Winnefred and my Daughter Anne after the Death or Marriage of my Wife Anne Dameron all the Negroes household Goods and other Personal Estate as I gave my Said wife the use of During as afore said the Negroes here in before Given only Excepted and the Rest to be Equally Divided between them and their heirs at the Beath or marriage of my Wife, Item it is my Will that my Estate Shall not be appraised, Item I do appoint my Said wifeAnne Dameron Executrix with my friend Capt. George Ball and my son GeorgeDameron whom I appoint Executors with my said wife of this my Last Will and Testament.

"In Witness where of I have hear unto set my hand and Seal the 27th day of March in the year one thousand Seven Hundred and fifty.

THOMAS DAMERON SENR. (SS)

Signed Sealed and Delivered in Presence of

Test. Jas. Waddy
his
Test Jno X Nicholas
mark

Test Jos Mott

"At a Court held for Northumberland County the 11th Day of March 1750-1, This Last Will and Testament of Thomas Dameron Deceased was Presented in Court by George Dameron one of the Executors there in Named who made oath according to Law and the same was Proved by the oath of Joseph Mott a Witness there to and Ordered to be Recorded and on the Motion of the said Executor Certificate is Granted him for Obtaining a Probate there of in Due form--

Teste. Thos Jones Junr. Cl. Cur.

(Note: Above will is from Book 1, p. 227, Northumberland County Wills, and the following is from Book 4, p. 86:)

"In obedience to an Order of the Northumberland County Court dated the 9th day of May 1757 appointed We the Subscribers to appraise the Estate of Thos Dameron Dec'd in Current money." Three pages of personal property follow. Elizabeth Downing Admrs. Jno. Christopher, John Hughlett, Elisha Betts, Appraisers. This refers to the son of Thomas who died 1750, Thomas Jr.

"17 July 1706. Thomas Hughlett and Margaret his wife acknowledge a deed of gift to Thomas Dameron Junr. and Katherine his wife for 100 acres." From Northumberland County Orders. A note states that the Book of Records for 1710 was burned with the office in October.

"16 May 1717 Thomas Dameron Jur. complained against by Jno. Kean Guardian of Stephen Kean." P. 33 County Court Orders, Northumbria Collectanea.

"Thomas Dameron, Junr. son and heir to George Dameron dec'd. Deed to Bartholomew Dameron, 19 Feb. 1705-6, 17.55." Same reference.

Northumberland County Orders 1678-1713 by L.O. Duvall, has p. 4, mention of estate of John Williams, 1678, transported by John Hughlett, p. 8." P. 55 has Winifred Hughlett adm. of Allice fferne, heir of mother Alice." 25 Sept. 1699.

P. 89 has: "Robt. Crowder orphan of Thomas to serve Thomas Dameron and his wife till 21." This is 1708.

b. DEED OF GIFT OF GEORGE DAMERON OF WICOMICO PARISH, 1796, TO THOMAS

" KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENT that I GEORGE DAMERON of the Parish of Wiccomoco in the County of Northumberland for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which I have and bear unto my son Thomas Dameron have given granted and Confirmed and by these presents do give grant and Confirm unto my said son Thomas Dameron and his heirs for ever all the land I hold out of the Neck Except the seventy Acres I gave to my son George Washington Dameron, to have and to hold all the above mentioned Land unto the said Thomas Dameron and his heirs and assigns forever to the only proper use and Behoof of the said Thomas Dameron his heirs and assigns forever and I the said George Dameron do hereby bind and oblige myself my heirs, Exers. and Admrs. to warrent and Defend all and every of these above mentioned Lands unto the said Thomas Dameron and his assigns for ever. to the only proper use and Behoof of the said Thomas Dameron and his heirs and assigns for ever.

"In Witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 17th day of October one thousand seven hundred and ninety six.

GEORGE DAMERON (S.L.)

Signed Sealed and Delivered
and acknowledge in presence of
undersign before assigned

William Gaskins
Bartho. Dameron
Thomas Dameron, Jr.

"At a Court of monthly session held for Northumberland County, at the Courthouse on Monday the 12th of June, 1797, this Deed of Gift was acknowledged by George Dameron a party thereto and Ordered to be recorded.

Teste.
Catesby Jones Clk.

Truly Recorded,

Teste.
Catesby Jones Clk.

(Note: This is taken from Northumberland County Record Book No. 15,1794-9.)

The following notes were taken from Swem's Virginia Historical Index by Julia Dameron Old:

25 William and Mary (1), p. 46. Elizabeth Dameron m. Samuel Downing... (p. 48-9), by the death of her brother Thomas Dameron, Jr., she inherited from her grandfather, Thomas Hughlett... Sam'l Downing married about 1742, Elizabeth Dameron, dau. of Mr. Thomas Dameron and Katherine Hughlett, his wife... is mentioned in the will of her father, Thomas Dameron, dated Apr. 17, 1751, proved May 10, 1751 . . . Aug. 4, 1748, John Dameron was exec. of Samuel Snow. p. 99 Thomas Downing, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Dameron) Downing... p. 100. John Downing b. May 1, 1755, son of Samuel and Elizabeth Dameron Downing.

P. 256--Elizabeth Dennis afterwards married George Dameron...

P. 262 John Waddy m. Elizabeth Dameron, dau. of Geo. and Margaret Taylor Dameron.

P. 263: Issue: 1. Thomas Waddy, son, m. Ann Dameron. 2._____. 3. Elizabeth Waddy m. Joseph Dameron Jan. 8, 1759 . . . Joseph Dameron in right of his wife, Elizabwth... asked for a division of John Waddy's estate... Elizabeth (Waddy) Dameron m. secondly, Robert Pinckard. She died in 1758... Son Thomas Waddy and son-in-law Joseph Dameron were administrators of her considerable estate.

Further notes from Jennie Harding Cornelius, July 4, 1953: "The Court Orders from 1720 to 1756 are in the State Library (Richmond) and they will not let us have them back, which was in the agreement when they were taken away from here... they take the place of many records that are lost, burned etc. There is not a record book for 1673-1705, 1714-1717, 1729-1737, which is necessary for search in this county.

"In regards to the finding of Samuel Dameron, the son of Lawrence, this is all you will ever find of this. Mr. Fleet made abstract of the C.O. and since then Mr. Duvall has made abstracts of them and he got what Mr. Fleet did not get, and it is not in either one of their abstracts. I have here every entry from their records on the Damerons. It could be some of the court orders were lost as pages were loose in the books, when they were taken from the Clerk's Office here. Some of the Damerons you do not have may have died between 1729-37, and the will not available but the court order you have of Chris. Dameron presenting the will of his brother Bartholo. Dameron is right, I am sure, and for this reason the Court Orders for this period should be searched. I cannot say who the father of William is as I do not have the Court Orders to find out. The inventory, would not give anything but his personal estate (of William, I mean), only his Admrs. name perhaps, and appraisers. I will look at this for you. There are some Damerons who spell their name Damerol here in this county and they later went to Lancaster. I had a very distant relative who married a Miss Damerol; his son is now a Methodist minister. A Charles Dameron will 1827 spells his name Damron, and it is found many ways. I can borrow Overwharton's Parish Register and see if there are any Dameron births in it, but this I doubt. As to the entry about Steph. Kean, it is from Mr. Duvall's abstracts and that is all there is for you to get, unless the deed can be read in Book 1710-13 (it was Steph. not Selph Kean, for the item on Jane and Lawrence Dameron), which I doubt. The year for 1713 cannot be read due to fading. A photostatic copy is here and the ink is run together, not indexed. If Lawrence had a son Samuel, he Lawrence (1) must have been married before he married Dorothy and this son came with him, but in the grants he is not mentioned as coming. He could have been of age at that time. This Joseph you have found in Boutetourt, I am sure is the son of Thomas d. 1766--he may be found in Augusta."

2. ELIZABETH DAMERON AND CHARLES INGRAM.

Elizabeth, daughter of George and Elizabeth Dennis Dameron, and granddaughter of the immigrant Lawrence Dameron, who came to Virginia before 1652, married Charles Ingram, and the following data was sent to me by the genealogist of the Ingram-Truett family, Earl A. Truett, Jr. 313 Wilkinson Place, Memphis, Tennessee:

I. JOHN INGRAM, Will dated 4-20-1654, married Jane _____

II. THOMAS INGRAM, Will dated 10-12-1700, m. Katherine Winter.

III. CHARLES INGRAM, d. before 2-11-1760, married Elizabeth Dameron, b. 1681.

IV. JOHN INGRAM, Will dated 2-3-1762 Brunswick County, Va. The Brunswick records show that his descendt. Sarah married Christopher Dameron, Book 17, p. 385, Nov. 30, 1798: "Christopher Dameron of the county of Caswell and State of North Carolina, appoint my son John Dameron, of the county and state aforesaid, my attorney to collect from the estate of John Ingram, dec'd the legacy left my wife, Sarah Dameron, by virtue of the said dec'd last will and testament," etc. Above John Ingram, Will, 1762, marriedHannah Pines.

V. JOSEPH D. INGRAM, b. about 1744 Culpeper County, Va. d. 3-22-1828, Anson County, N.C., Married 9-10-1774 Winifred Nelms, b. 2-28-1752, Northumberland County, Va., d. 6-6-1841. Her descent was:

i. Richard Nelms m. Ann _____.
ii. Charles Nelms 1663-1713, m. Alice _____.
iii. Charles Nelms, Jr. b. 6-27-1694, d. before 9-19-1733, m. in 1716, Mrs. Elizabeth Saunders Downing b. 1686, d. 1763, dau. of Ebenezer Saunders 1661-1693 and Elizabeth Philipps 1662-1719, dau. of Edward Philipps. Ebenezer's father was Edward Saunders 1625-1672, and his mother Mrs. Mary Webb Hudnall.
iv. Presley Nelms b. 10-5-1730, Northumberland Co., Va. d. 2-3-1797, Franklin Co., N.C. m. Elizabeth Routt, dau. of John Routt, Will pro. 7-28-1759, and Winifred Sydnor, 2-2-1713, dau. of Anthony Sydnor and Elizabeth Dew. John Routt's father was Richard Routt.
v. Winifred Nelms, b. 2-28-1752, Northumberland County, Va. d. 6-6-1841.

VI. THOMAS INGRAM b. 4-16-1789 d. 2-28-1869, m. Jemima Watkins, dau. of James Watkins b. Jan. 9, 1840, age 70, whose father was Christopher Watkins b. 1732, d. 11-6-1822, about 90, Anson Co., N.C. and his mother Jane Thomas, d. 7-6-1817, about 80. James Watkins m. Phoebe DeJarnette d. 9-13-1840, age 62. She was dau. of Capt. John DeJarnette b. 1748, Prince Edward Co., Va. d. 1785, m. 1-12-1769, Jemima Owens. Capt. John's father was Daniel DeJarnette, son of John and Mary (?) Mumford. Daniel married Martha Ford. The dau. of Thomas Ingram and Jemimia Watkins, Phoebe DeJarnette Ingram b. 1-16-1814, d. 10-19-1880, m. Abner Y. Howell b. 1805 (Census), Ga. d. 5-10-1878 Marshall Co., Miss. m. 8-6-1829, Anson Co; their son William Rufus Howell b. 1837 d. 1887, m. 11-27-1865, Fannie Tarecia Snipes b. 4-4-1837, d. 4-5-1899, dau. of Young Snipes b. 10-1805, d. 3-5-1884, m. 5-13-1824, Selah Nevill b. 1-20-1807, d. 5-13-1824. (She was dau. of Jesse Nevill b. 12-29-1781, d. 4-11-1859, who m. 5-6-1802, Winifred Northwood b. 8-1-1786, d. 6-3-1854; Jesse was son of Jesse, Sr. and Elizabeth Parke.) The father ofYoung Snipes was William Snipes, son of William and Sarah Snipes. The son of William Rufus Howell, Abner Young Howell b. 11-27-1873 d. 1-15-1940, m. 12-18-1894 Vernie Ann Cain b. 5-15-1875, dau. of Calhoun Franklin Cain and Nancie Anne Rials. Their dau. Mary Christine Howell m. Earl Albert Truett b. 1-30-1896, m. 6-23-1917, in Yalobusha Co., Miss. He was son of William Thomas Truett b. 7-20-1868, d. 10-31-1914, m. 2-22-1889 in Lafayette Co., Miss. Susan Paralee Scott b. 6-12-1873, d. 4-30-1941, dau. of John L. Scott and Harriett French. William Thomas Truett was son of William Wright Truett b. 5-1-1841, Tenn. d. 1-14-1909, m. 9-18-1866, in Lafayette Co., Miss. Elizabeth Higginbotham, dau. of Edmond and Martha Ann Walker.

WILL OF GEORGE DAMERON, 1801, NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

Dated Feb. 19, 1801, recorded Oct. 12, 1801, Book 16, p. 288:

To son Thomas Dameron land he now lives on together with 70 acres I formerly gave sonGeorge W. Dameron, four negroes he has in his possession; to son Robert Dameron the land I now live upon and four negroes, which will appear in deed of gift, for his Mother not to be interrupted or disturbed; To daughter Alice Giddings four negroes; to wife Mary Ann Dameron all remainder of my negroes, with the two negroes I formerly gave son George W. Dameron, with future increase, during her natural life; after her decease the whole of them to be divided into three equal parts, one part to son Thomas Dameron's children, one part to Alice Giddings' children, and one part I lend to my son Robert Dameron during his natural life, after his death to his heirs lawfully begotten but should he have no heir and his wife survive him, she shall keep possession of said negroes during her widowhood but if she marry sd negroes should be equally divided among children of my son Thomas Dameron and daughter Alice Giddings. To wife Mary Ann Dameron the thirty acres of land at the Garden Point (Guarding Point) that I had formerly given my son George W. Dameron, which will appear by deed of gift, during her natural life; after her decease I give & bequeath to my son Thomas Dameron that is provided he give to my grandson Geo. D. Giddings a liberal education out of the same. To my wife Mary Ann Dameron all personal estate to will, give & dispose of as she think proper. Capt. Thos. Hurst, Henry L. Gaskins, Jesse Crowder, executors. Signed (GEORGE DAMERON) SEAL. Attested by LeRoy Nutt, Tho. Dameron, Jur., Presly X (his mark) Walker.

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WILL OF BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON, 1807

This will is dated Nov. 2, 1805, recorded Oct. 12, 1807, Book 17, p. 587, Northumberland County: To wife, Mary Dameron during her natural life my estate both real & personal except such land & negroes as shall hereafter be named; to daughter Elizabeth W. Carter negro girl & negro boy during her natural life, after her decease to her heirs by her present husband Elisha Carter, to Granddaughter Maria Lunsford negro girl. Two sons Thomas and Bartholomew Dameron, to son Thomas Dameron the land whereon he now lives in Dameron Neck, to granddaughter Molley Dameron negro girl, to son Bartholomew Dameron negro boy; after decease of wife Mary Dameron the tract of land I now live on on Crane's Creek to son Bartholomew Dameron. After death of wife whole estate to be divided between two sons Thomas and Bartholomew Dameron. David Ball, Junr. (of Clover Green), Capt. Thos. Hurst and two sons Thomas and Bartholomew Dameron, executors. Signed, BARTH^{W} DAMERON SENR. (SEAL). Wit. John Snow, Senr., Charles X (his mark) Dameron, Thomas Ingram.

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WILL OF LE ROY DAMERON, 1852

This will of Le Roy Dameron dated Feb. 2, 1852, recorded Aug. 9, 1852, was in Book A, p. 39: To son Richard C. Dameron tract of land where Richard Jewel now lives subject to widow's dower. All rest of estate to be divided between all children allowing my widow her dower except Richard C. Dameron above named. Thomas S. Lyell, executor. Signed LE ROY O. DAMERON (SEAL). Witness: Chas. D. Dameron, Jeremiah Cookman.

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CARTERS BRIDGE
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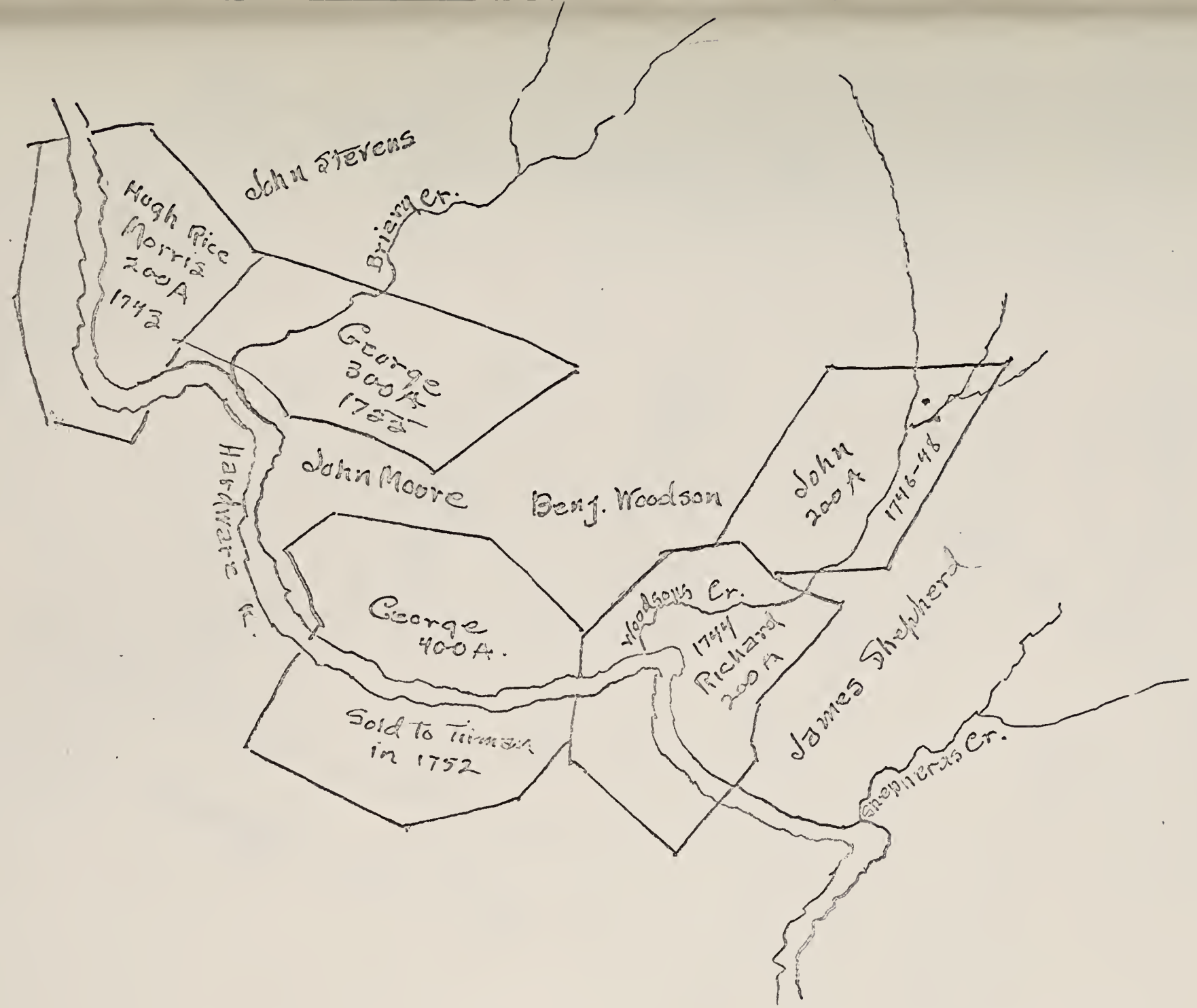
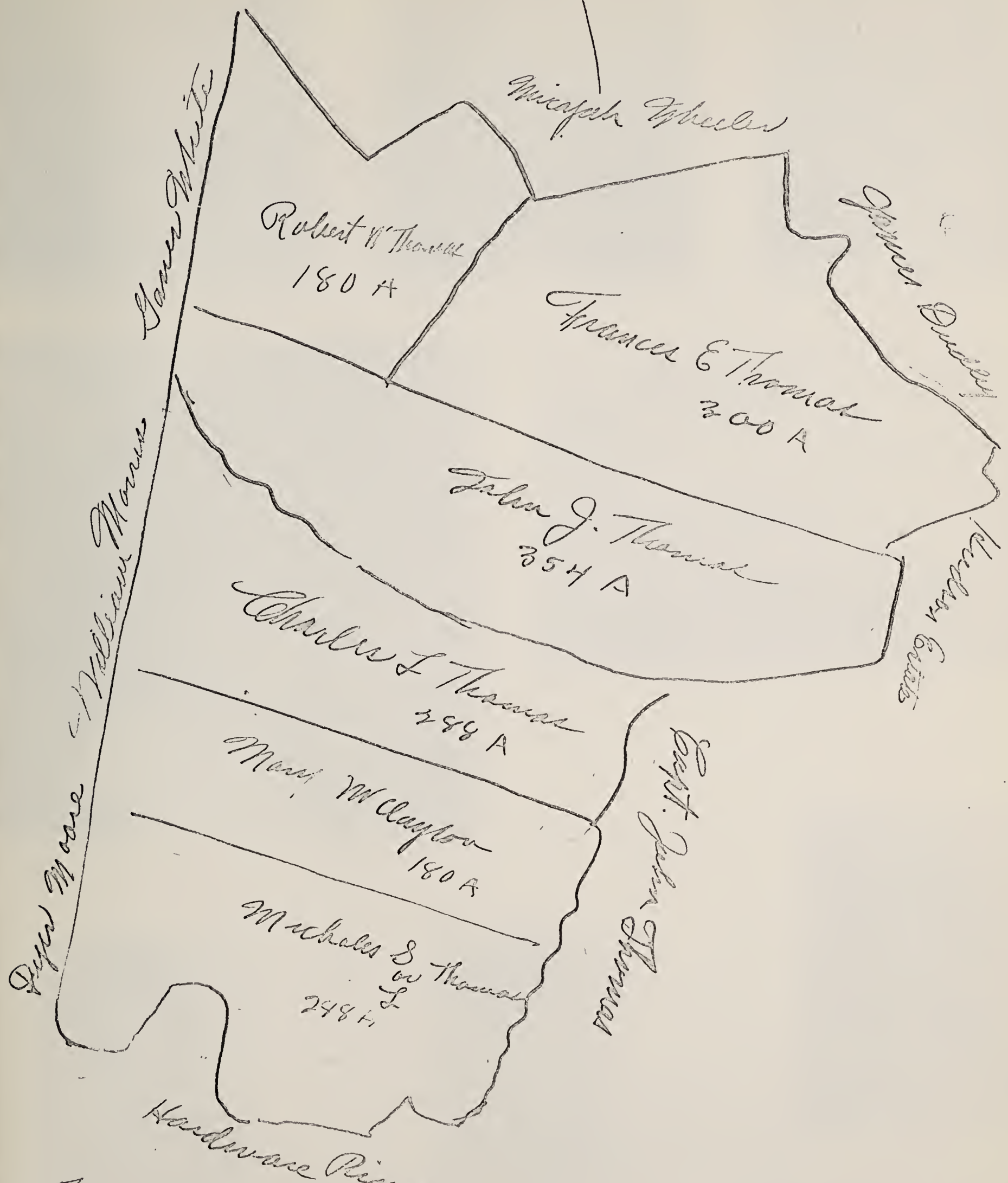
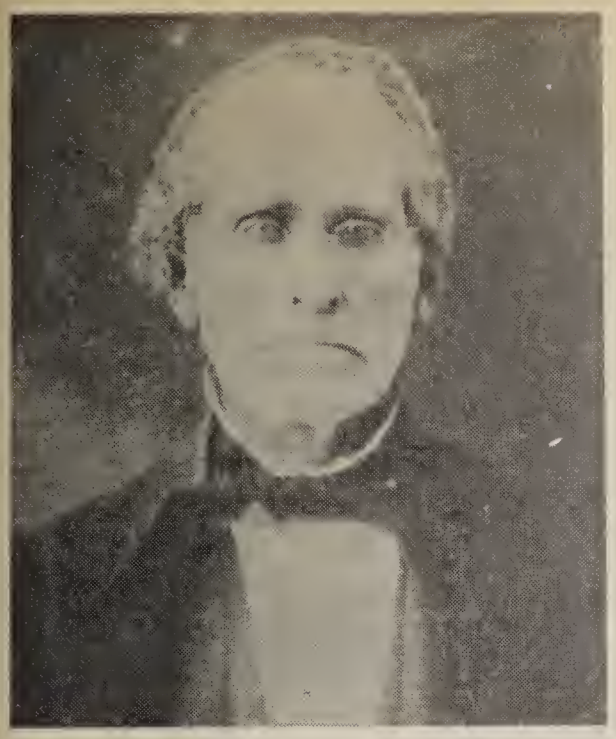


Woodson's Creek Land

My commission #69.40 Book 9 - p. 267



This is a plat of 1594 acres of land lying in Albe. Co. on the north side of the north fork of Hardware River being the land belonging to the estate of Charles L. Thomas Decd. Dividing lines on Nicholas S. Thomas plat.



Yeseomico River

CAPTIONS FOR PAGE OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE KENTUCKY AND VIRGINIA DAMERONS

Top Row: REV. WILLIAM HENRY DAMERON, of Brunswick County, Va. His grandson, M.F. Cleaton, of Roanoke, Va. sent me this picture and wrote: "My grandfather, William H. Dameron, started the Methodist Church in his section by teaching Sunday School in his living room. He was an intelligent man, with a wonderful wife to help him. He had a good library. He started Good Hope, Shady Grove, Liberty, still at Alberta. He gave the five acres and mostly built the church. He was ordained at Elizabeth City, N.C. by Bishop Marvin (hence my name). He never took pay for preaching but some way he was fairly prosperous, owned farms, store and mill. He left several small notes, he had helped people, they were worthless. This shows the kind of man he was, a real Dameron. There was nothing soft or mushy about him. He helped other denominations hold evangelistic services. The name of his main church was the Liberty Church, Methodist Episcopal, Alberta, Brunswick County, Va. which he built. My grandfather had four sons, 1 daughter (my mother). Two sons died in the Civil War of fever. The other two, Joseph and John, had families. Joseph lived in Brunswick County, near Smoky Ordinary, and had eight children, William, George, John and Walter, all dead but Walter. John married Tempie Williams and had a family, the four boys were Barker, M.D., dead, William, a banker in Warrenton, N.C. etc. Barker Dameron lives in Rockymount, N.C. where he is a successful insurance and business man. John Dameron, Petersburg, Va. is the son of Joseph's son John. Miss Tempie Dameron of Warrenton, N.C. is a graduate of Greensboro, N.C. College and was a missionary to Korea several years ago. I have a nephew, Hugh Leach, who is President of the Federal Reserve Bank at Richmond, Va. His brother, Archer, is a prominent accountant, Leach & others. I have retired from the real estate, sales, rental and developing of land companies. I am still building for sale and rentals. I was born Sept. 4th, 1878, am still a young man, expect to devote my time to building. I sold out my real estate and rental and insurance business. I was born in Greensville County, adjoining Brunswick Co. about eight miles from grandfather William Henry Dameron. My mother inherited his home place, now a part of Alberta. The S.A. L.R.R. crosses the Virginian here. It is certainly wonderful of you to give so much of time and effort to the Dameron genealogy work and I want to thank you for myself and I am sure for others of the Dameron kin folks, and if you write to the others who did so much work, thank them for me and for others who I know appreciate the efforts of all of you."

JULIA MANGUM, wife of Rev. W. H. Dameron 1809-1892. She was b. 3-1-1812, d. 2-18-1892, and was the daughter of Col. Joshua Mangum, C.S.A., of North Hampton County, N.C. They were married 12-14-1836.

THOMAS MIFFLIN LADD, age 21 in 1821, a portrait. Capt. John Dameron m. Anna Ladd

Middle Row: LOUISE H. DAMERON, grand-daughter of Edward Porteous Dameron of Kentucky. She is a writer and did part of the research for this book and part of the index.

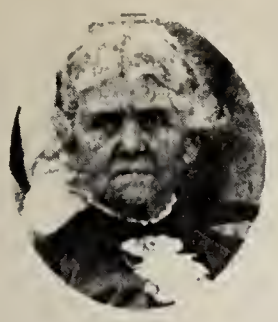
LOOKING OUT ON THE YEOCOMICO RIVER FROM THE TOWN OF KINSALE, VA. where it enters the Potomac River. Westmoreland County is on the left and Northumberland on the right. The 1652 Dameron grant at the Yeocomico mouth would be on the right.

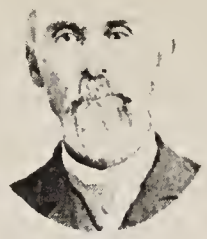
Bottom row: MARGUERITE MILLIKEN, grand-daughter of Elizabeth Kennedy Dameron, and daughter of Maria Jane Thomas who m. her cousin, Col. Paul Minor Milliken.

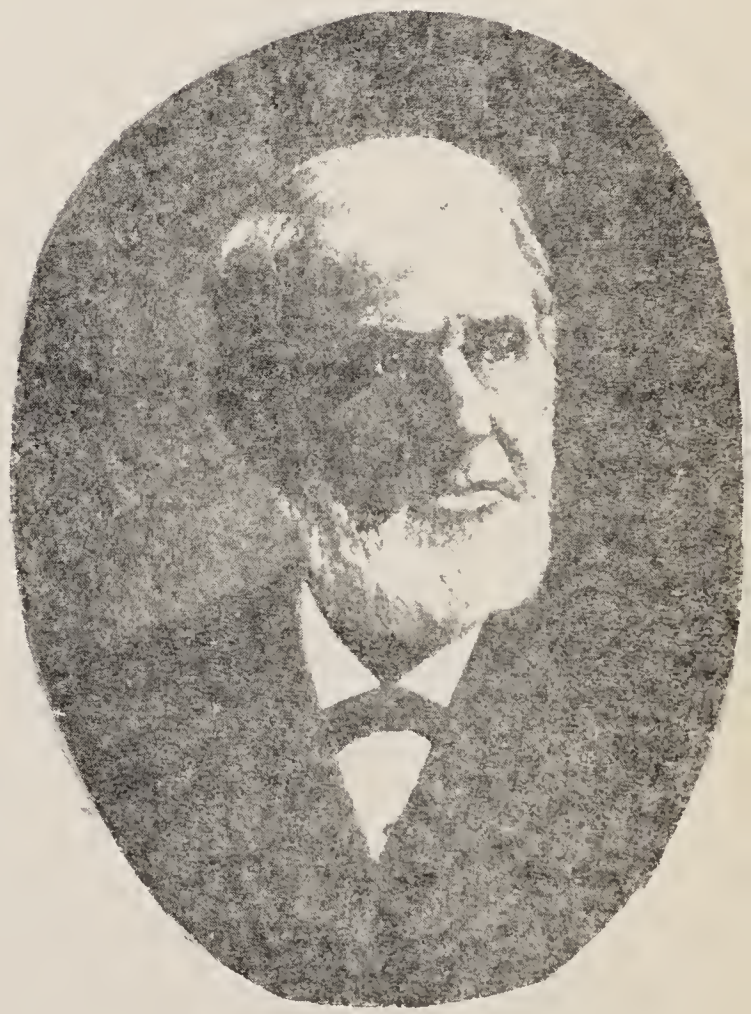
ELIZABETH THATCHER THOMAS m. Hiram Jones. She was the daughter of Elizabeth Kennedy Dameron 1832-1884 and a descendant of Edward Porteous Dameron of Kentucky.

EDWARD PORTEOUS DAMERON of Kentucky, 1802-1862, an old silhouette. He was b. in Virginia and m. Maria Gregg Kennedy of Mentor, Ky. 1831. Elizabeth Kennedy Dameron 1832-1884 was their daughter and m. Wm. Hunton Thomas.

Top, the sons of Edward Porteous Dameron of Kentucky (b. 1802 in Va.): L. to R. Edward Porteous Dameron, Jr., D.D.S.; James Thomas (main interest horses and farming); William Kennedy, D.D.S.; Agustus Samuel, M.D.; Robert Allen, M.D. and their sister, Elizabeth Kennedy Dameron, 1832-1884, wife of Hunt Thomas. Below, R., Dr. Robert Allen Dameron 1847-1889.







CAPTIONS FOR PRECEDING PAGE OF DAMERON FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS

TOP ROW:

1. Margaret Phoebe Freeman, b. 1840, at Concord, Ill., d. 1930, and her husband:

2. Joseph Warren Damron, Sr., b. 1841, in Barry County, Mo. d. 1922.

3. William Wallace Damron, b. 1833, Weakley County, Tenn., d. 1898, brother of Joseph Warren Damron and Cynthia Elizabeth Damron Moody, all three the children of John Damron, Jr. b. 1791 in Virginia, and Sarah Elizabeth Shultz b. 1799 in Ky.

4. Cynthia Elizabeth Damron b. 1837, at Barry County, Mo., d. 1872. She married William Cresfield Moody b. 1819 in Coosa County, Ala., d. 1906, having 4 children.

MIDDLE ROW:

5. Joseph Warren Damron, Jr. while a student in the university, b. 1866, d. 1951, m. Mary Abiah Kelly. He was the son of Joseph Warren Damron, Sr.

6. Joseph Warren Damron, Jr. 1866-1951, taken not long before his death.

7. (Below) Lizzie May Damron Whicker Dobson b. 1881, wife of E. O. Whicker, and sister of above Joseph Warren Damron, Jr.

THIRD ROW:

8. Moses S. Ladd, age 82 in 1953, of Albemarle County, Virginia, with Ruth Damron Dorius, of Falls Church, Virginia.

9. Olla Louisa Damron b. 1872, m. Oscar Francis Webster and had five children. She was the fourth child of William Wallace Damron (above, top row) and his wife, Hester Elizabeth Ray.

10. Warren Ladd, author of the book of genealogy, The Ladds of Virginia, which gives the ancestry of John Ladd of Lower Norfolk County, Va., 1653, who married Bathsheba Lovett. They were the ancestors of Anna Ladd, wife of Capt. JohnDamron. The Ladd Family Reunion was held July 18, Bryan Park, Richmond, Va., President, Thomas Mifflin Ladd, 5616 Crenshaw Road, Richmond, Va., the family genealogist.

BOTTOM ROW:

11. Mariam Damron Cropper, one of the chief researchers on the John Damron branch, standing behind the tombstone of "Capt. Jno. Damron, U.S. Soldier, Rev. War" in 1952, in the Illinois cemetery where he was buried. The tall stone at the extreme left is that of Agnes Damron and her husband Stephen Gill, with her inscription on the north side and his on the south. It is on a high hill.

12. Photograph by Mariam Damron Cropper in 1952, of several descendants of John Damron, Sr. b. 1757, still living in Illinois. This was taken beside the tombstone of their ancestor "Capt. Jno. Damron."

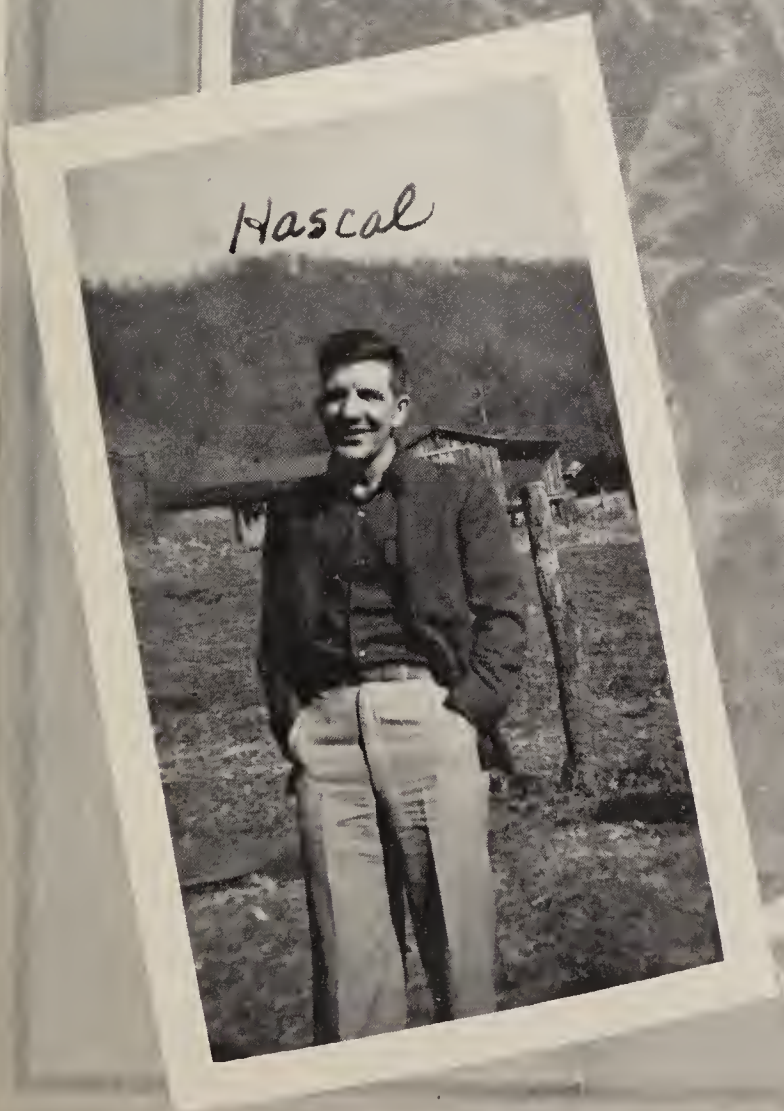
Left to right: Martha E. Burris (Martha Elvira Whiteaker b. 1866, dau. of Capt. Mark Whiteaker and Elizabeth Deaton, and grand-daughter of Elvira Damron b. Oct. 27, 1815, d. Mar. 10, 1888) and Hall Whiteaker d. Mar. 1, 1844. Elvira Damron was the daughter of Capt. John Damron and his second wife.)

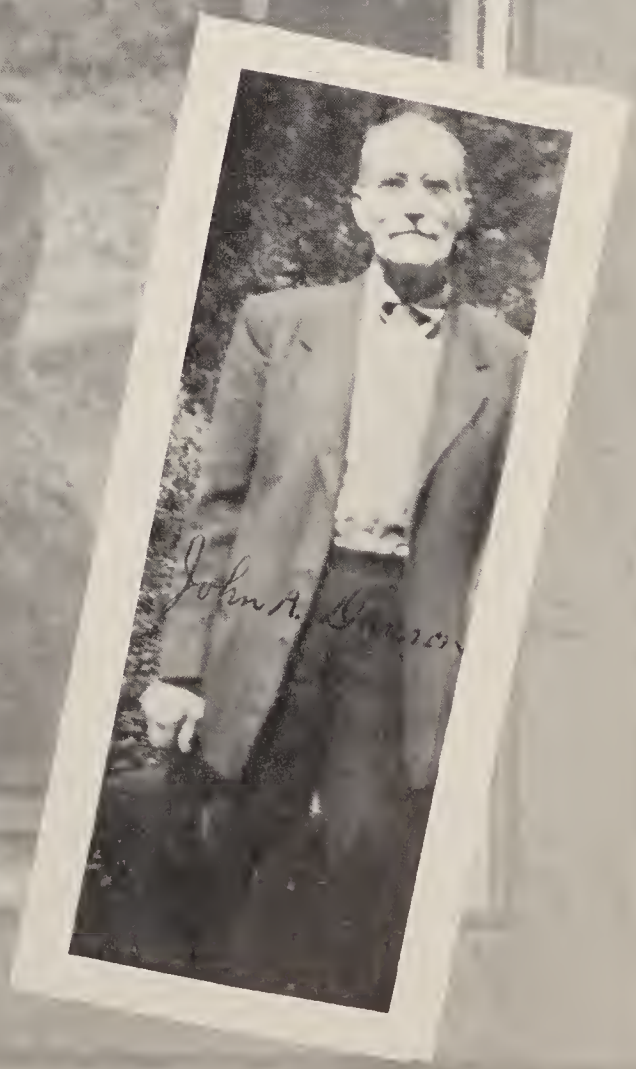
Charles Thompson Damron of Illinois. The caption says: "He is rather tall and thin, and has blue eyes, but his nose and chin are just like our Dad's, and when he talks you could almost close your eyes and think it was Dad. Same sort of kind, gentle, voice.

Geneva Kugler,

Anna McLean, both descendants of Capt. John Damron, also.

John L. Damron & Wife, Janie B. Damron





2. LAZARUS DAMERON AND ELIZABETH SMITH OF ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who came to Wicomico Parish, Northumberland County, befor

II. GEORGE, d. 1698, who married Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis. He inherited the Guarding Point estate in Wicomico, so no doubt Lazarus lived there as a child.

III. LAZARUS "who was the youngest son of George and Elizabeth Dameron, marri Elizabeth Smith. He left Northumberland County and went to King George County; further records concerning him have not been found," according to the Media Researc Bureau.

Lazarus was a boy when his father died, and the Northumberland County Orders on p. 71, show that "Lazarus Dameron, son of George, chose Mr. Barthol. Dameron Guardian Sept. 25, 1704." The Court Orders also show "Thomas Dameron presented for being drunk on the Sabbath Day about the month of August last past, by information of Lazarus Dameron. 16 Nov. 1715, 6.143." Then on Aug. 18, 1725, Lazarus Dameron, carpenter, of Wicomico Parish, deeded to Thomas Gaskins 124 acres in that parish. Jennie Harding Cornelius has anote: "This is the first piece of property to be sold by the Dameron family of the grant to Peter Knight who assigned it to Lawrence Dameron. Thomas Gaskins bought much of the property."

George Dameron's estate was administered by his brother Bartholomew in 1702, April 15, and the court appointed Hancock Lee, John Haris and Bartholomew Shrever and James Waddy to divide the estate into four parts, though the son George receive the homestead. The children were all minors apparently.

The Will of Col. Thomas Dameron March 11, 1750-1 says: "Item I give to my Brother Lazarus Dameron twenty Shillings Current Money to be paid upon his Demand." Apparently he feared Lazarus had some claim on his estate for he did not mention his other brothers in these terms. They may have had quite a feud for above we see Lazarus having Thomas Dameron up in court for drinking on Sunday.

Mariam Damron Cropper found a deed in the Prince William County records (F. Va. p. 4), given by Lazarus Dameron, of King George County, to George Brown, 19 Apr. 17 He sold 836 acres of land in Prince William County to Brown for 2,000 pounds of tobacco and 16 pounds current money of Virginia. She also found in the King George County Deeds 1721-1892, Part 1, Lazarus Dameral 1726 to John Steward deed lease, folio 414, p. 1, and Lazarus Dameral 1726 to John Steward deed, 415, p. 1. Part 2, Dameral to Stewar d lease 3 Feb. 1726, says Lazarus Dameral, planter of the parish of Hanover, leased 600 acres to Steward. On p. 415 the same two parties as above, Dameral releases Steward in consideration of 3,000 pounds tobacco and two bushels of Indian corn. She also checked the following and found nothing: King George County Marriages in St. Paul's Reg.; General Index to Wills, King George County; Inventory and Fiduciary Accounts, Index, King George County, 1721-1921.

Lazarus Dameron mentions in his Will probated 1749, sons Moses, John, George and daughters Judith, Hannah and Winefred Thomas. He also had a son Richard who di about the same time. This looks like a tragedy of some kind, as they made out their Wills about the same time also. The son John died in 1757 in Albemarle so this was an unfortunate place for them. They had all got their land patents in Albemarle only the year before their deaths.

2. Letter dated 1[illegible] [illegible] 1[illegible] to [illegible], [illegible].

I. [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

II. [illegible], 1. 1[illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

a. DEED FROM LAZARUS DAMERON TO THOMAS GASKINS, 1725

"This Indenture made ye 18th day of Aug. one thousand and Seven hundred and twenty-five Between Lazarus Dameron Carpenter of the parish of Great Wicomico in the County of Northumberland of one part and Thomas Gaskins Junr Gentleman of the parish and County of the other part Witnesseth that the said Lazarus Dameron for and in Consideration of the full sum of nine thousand pounds of good Tobacco well payd by the said Thomas Gaskins Junr the Receipt where of and him self to be there with well satisfied the said Lazarus Dameron Doth Acknowledge and there of Doth here by fully Discharge the said Gaskins Junr & his heirs Executors and Admrs. Hath Given Granted Bargained Sold Enfeofed and Confirmed and by these prst Doth fully and absolutely Give Grant Bargain Sell Enfeof and Confirm unto the said Thos. Gaskins Junr and his heirs a Certain Track or parsel of land Containing one hundred and Twenty four Acres Situate in the parish and County aforesaid the said one hundred and Twenty-four acres of Land and all appurtenances there unto belonging. To have and To Hold unto the said Thomas Gaskins Jr. his heirs and assigns for ever (Subject to the Quitrents which from henceforth Shall become Duly and the said Lazarus Dameron Doth for him self and his heirs Covenant Grant & agree to and with the said Thomas Gaskins Junr that the hereby Granted Land and premises now is and so from hence forth Shall be and Continue Clearly acquited Exonerated and Discharged of and from all manner of former Gifts Granted Bargained Sales and all Incumbrances what so ever with warrenty against any person or persons what so ever and the said Lazarus Dameron doth further Covenant and promise to Deliver up to the Said Thos. Gaskins Junr. all the papers he hath concerning the title and bounds of the here by Granted Land and premises and also to make any other Deed from Lazarus Dameron to Thomas Gaskins Junr. or Deeds for the more Sure Conveying of the Said One Hundred and twenty four acres of Land and Appurtenances unto the Said Thomas Gaskins Junr. his heirs and assigns as the said Gaskins Junr or his heirs or assigns Shall at any time Require (at his or their Costs and Charges in the Law).

"In Witness Where of to allow Singular the premises afore said Have Interchangeably here unto Set my hand and Seal the day and year above written.

Lawrence Dameron (Seale)
her
Elizabeth X Dameron (Seale)
Mark

Signed Sealed and Delivered in presence of John Bashford, John Hunter, Memorandom August the 18th 1725, Livery of Seizer was this day made and Given by the within named Lazarus Dameron of the within mentioned land and premises unto the within named Thomas Gaskins Junr. by Delivery of Turf and Twigg on the sd. Land in presenne of John Hunter, John Bashford, Sig. Ann X Palmer.

Aug. 15th, 1725. This deed of Indenture with Livery and Seizer was acknowledged in Northumberland County Court by Lazarus Dameron & Elizabeth his wife to Thomas Gaskins Junr: & is Admitted to Record.

Test. Richard Lee, Cl. Cur.

(Note by Jennie Harding Cornelius: This is signed by Lawrence instead of Lazarus but every one thinks it is a mistake when it was recorded; the original is not available. This is the first piece of property to be sold by the Dameron family of the grant to Peter Knight who assigned it to Lawrence Dameron. Thomas Gaskins bought much of the property.) It is in Book 1718-26, p. 403.

a. Deed from Lawrence Lawrence to Thomas Dawkins, 1721

"This Indenture made the 5th day of May, one thousand and seven hundred and twenty-five between Lawrence Lawrence Gentleman of the County of Queen Anne's in the Province of Pennsylvania of the part and Thomas Dawkins Gentleman of the parish and County of the other part witnesseth that the said Lawrence Lawrence for and in consideration of the full sum of nine pounds of good Tobacco well and by the said Thomas Dawkins upon the receipt hereof to be duly given well satisfied the said Lawrence Lawrence doth bargain and sell unto the said Thomas Dawkins and his heirs forever all that tract of land containing by truly measure the said Dawkins land a tract of land containing one hundred and twenty four acres situate in the county aforesaid the said one hundred and twenty-four acres of land and all appurtenances thereunto belonging. To have and to hold the said Thomas Dawkins his heirs and assigns for ever. Subject to the yearly rent and service for ever. Subject to the yearly rent and service therefore to the proprietary of the said Province forever. And the said Lawrence Lawrence and his heirs the said land unto the said Thomas Dawkins his heirs and assigns against the said Lawrence Lawrence and his heirs and all persons whatsoever claiming or to claim any thing in the premises shall and will warrant and defend. In witness whereof the said Lawrence Lawrence has hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year above written.

Lawrence Lawrence (Seal)
Sealed
Delivered & Lawrence (Seal)
Mark

Signed Sealed and Delivered in presence of John Sandford, John Murray, Benjamin Rogers the 12th 12mo. Entry of Deeds may also be made and given by the within named Lawrence Lawrence of the within mentioned land and premises unto the within named Thomas Dawkins Gent. by delivery of turf and twigs on the ground upon the premises of John Hunter. John Sandford, Elis. Jones & Francis

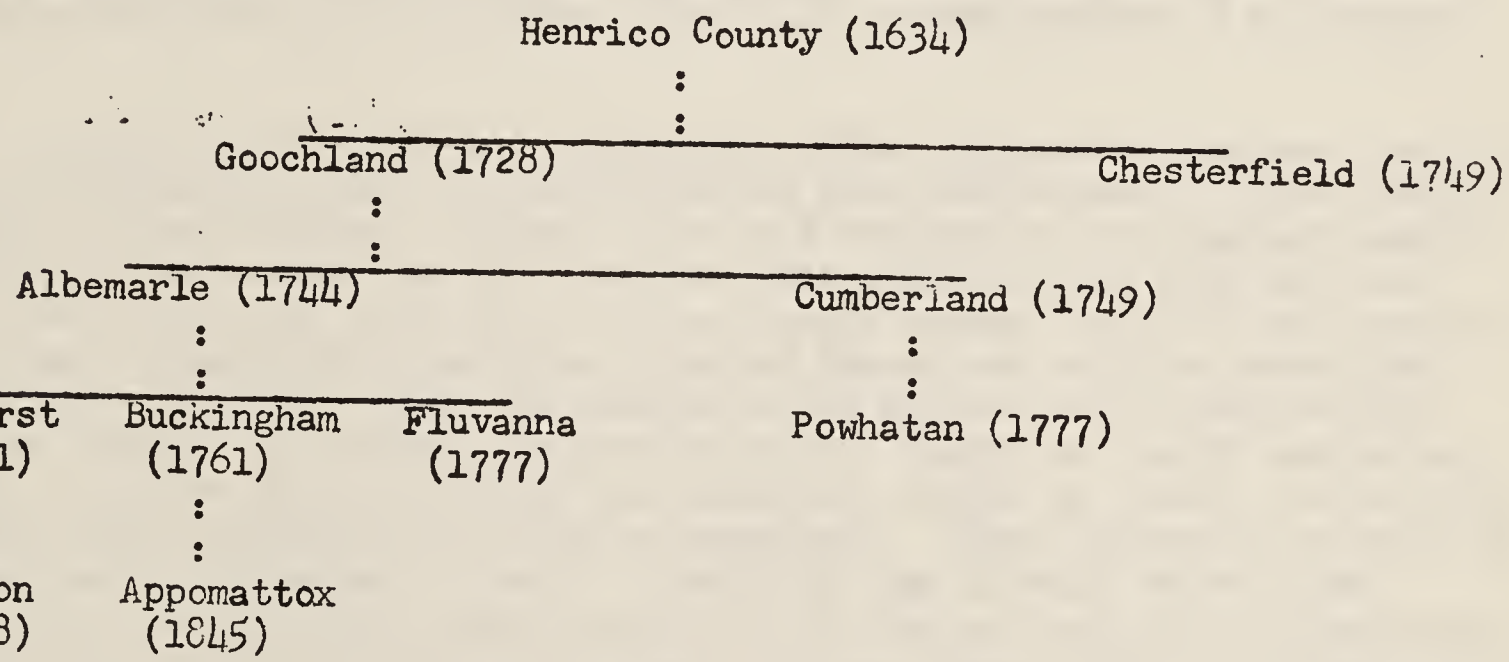
Aug. 15th, 1721. This deed of Indenture with livery and seisin was acknowledged in Worcester Lower County Court by Lawrence Lawrence & delivered unto Thomas Dawkins Gent. & is recorded in Records.

Test. Samuel Ker, Clk. Cur.

(Note by Thomas Reynolds Dawkins: This is known by Lawrence Lawrence to have been never taken in a private when, I was recovered, was not in my possession. This is the first place of property to be sold by the Lawrence Lawrence Court Clerk Philip and assigned it to Lawrence Lawrence, Lawrence Lawrence sold it to the property. It is in Book (illegible), p. 109.

A land grant in the Patent books of Virginia, Book 26, 1747-48, shows that "Lazarus Damrol" received 212 acres in Albemarle"beginning at a hickory on the north side of the Fluvanna." Signed, Wm. Gooch, Apr. 5, 1748. The Fluvanna River is now the Upper James. Also in 1748 patents were given to Lazarus' sons, George, John. The land of George was south of the River, next to Michael Thomas and Major Howard. All the other grants were north of the river. John's land was on Hardware River, next to his brother Richard's, and George's grant in 1755 was on the Hardware River and Briery Creek, but his first grant in 1748 was south of the river, all in Albemarle County. The Hardware River is north of the James and enters the James below Scottsville. Albemarle was created 1744 from Goochland and in 1761 Amherst was cut from it, Buckingham in 1761, and Fluvanna 1777. Therefore, the land north of the James of Lazarus, John, Richard and George would now be in Fluvanna, while George's grant on the south would be in Buckingham County. Right at the point where the Hardware River enters the James is the long island owned by Amos Ladd, where there was probably a ferry later on Noble Ladd's place, but this island might be in either Fluvanna or Buckingham. In any case the Ladds and Damerons were close neighbors in this region.

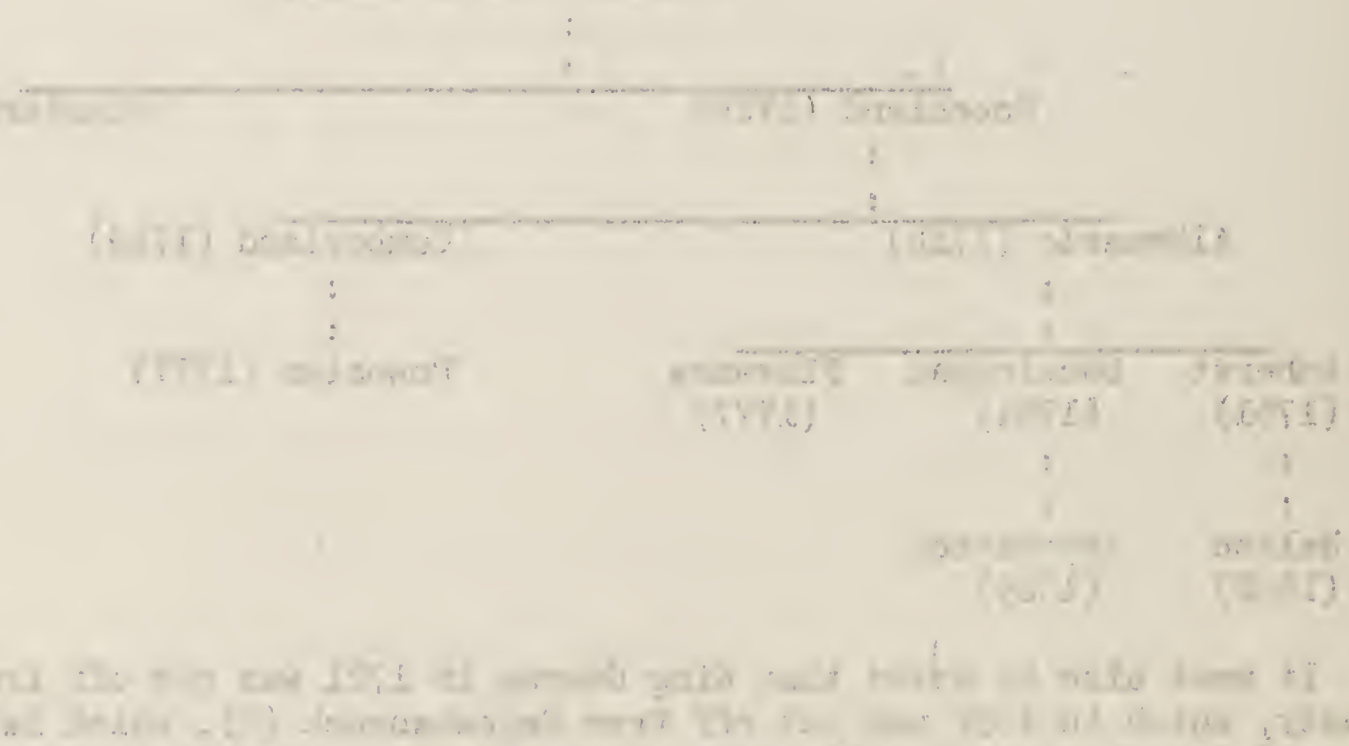
A chart will show these counties:



It must also be noted that King George in 1721 was cut off from Richmond County, which in 1692 was cut off from Rappahannock (E), which latter was cut off from Lancaster 1656-1692, while Lancaster was taken from Northumberland in 1651, and Northumberland was an original county in 1648.

Prince William was taken in 1731 from Stafford, which was formed 1664 from Westmoreland (Westmoreland was formed 1663 from Northumberland). Fairfax was created 1742 from Prince William.

There is some difficulty reading the date of theWill of Lazarus, as it is in Roman numerals. Bell's Records of Wills and Abstracts of Albemarle County, Va. gives the date as 2-29-1743, probated 2-14-1749. I. Estelle King, 133 North Wetherly Drive, Beverley Hills, Calif., 1940, a genealogist, in Abstracts of Wills, Inventories and Administration Accounts of Albemarle Co., Va., has: "Lazarus Dameron, 29 Sept. 1748, 14 Feb. 1749, sons Moses, John and George Dameron, grandson Charles Thomas, daughters Judith Dameron, Hannah Dameron and Winifred Thomas. Exrs. son John Dameron and John Thomas, son-in-law." The original will gives "year of Lord MDCCXLIX," for the date, unless this is also a type error, proved 14 Feb. 1749.



b. WILL OF LAZARUS DAMERON, ALBEMARLE COUNTY, 1749.

"IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN, I Lazrous Damron of the parish of St. Ann's, county of Albemarle, being of perfect mind and memory, praise be to God, do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner following: I most humbly bequeath my soul to God, its maker and redeemer and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter mentioned. I give and bequeath to my son Moses Dameron all my houses and all my land to him and his heirs forever, and in case of his death without lawfully begotten heirs, then I give and bequeath all my houses and all my lands mentioned above to my son John, to him and his heirs forever, and in case of his death without issue lawfully begotten, then I give and bequeath all my houses and lands above mentioned to my daughter Judith Dameron to her and her heirs lawfully begotten forever, and in case of her death without issue, then I give and bequeath all the above houses and lands to my grandson Charles Thomas to him and his heirs forever.

"Item: I give and bequeath to my son Moses Damron my boy John Ward during the remaining part of his apprenticeship and in case of his death _____ I give and bequeath the residue of the said John Ward's time to my son, John Dameron. Item: I give and bequeath to my son John Dameron my second best bed and furniture and money scales and also my boy English McCoy till the expiration of his apprenticeship.

"Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Judith Dameron the bed and furniture I bought from Richard Hall, with her mother's box iron and heaters. I also give her one young mare and her increase. Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Hannah Dameron my third best feather bed and furniture and a mare called Tebb and her increase. Item: I give and bequeath to my son George Damron one shilling sterling. Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Winifred Thomas one shilling sterling. Item: My will and pleasure is that the residue of my estate herein mentioned be equally divided between my son John Damron and my two daughters Judith and Hannah Dameron. Item: I desire that neither of my daughters, Judith or Hannah, after their marriage, shall have anything to do upon my premises. Item: My desire and will is that my estate be not appraised. Item: I constitute and appoint my son John Dameron and my son-in-law John Thomas executors of this my last will and testament, In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 29th day of Sept. in the year of our Lord MDCCXLIX (1748).

LAZARUS DAMERON.

"Signed sealed and delivered by the said Lazarous Dameron for his last will and testament in presence of us who were present at his signing and sealing hereof:

"John Peter William (X) Grafly
John Wiley, Jun.

This will was proved 14 Feb. 1749. Bell lists witnesses as John Thomas, John Thomas Jr.

This will is abstracted in "Notes from the Family Bible of John W. Carter," by Gladys M. Bloyd, 513 7th Street, Moundsville, W. Virginia, referring to the "Carters, Tapscotts, Damerons and Emersons." It is an account of the descendants of John W. Carter 1778-1861, son of Thomas Carter of Lancaster County, Va., and Mary Smith Dameron of Nelson County, Va., his wife. P. 8 says: "Mary Smith Dameron may have been descended from Lazarus Dameron b. 1690, d. 1749, Will 29 Sept. 1748, proved 14 Feb. 1749, son of George^{2} and of Lawrence^{1}. Lazarus married Elizabeth Smith, had Moses^{4}, John, George, Judith, Hannah, Winifred. (Albemarle W.B.A. Ref. 23^{2}A^{3}K^{2}, p. 2.)"Apparently the descent is from Moses listed as 4th generation.

6. Wills of Lucious Dowers, Albemarle County, 1940.

"In the name of God, Amen. I Lucious Dowers of the County of Albemarle, County of Albemarle, being in perfect mind and memory, realize the fact that I must die and realize that it is my last will and testament. I begin in instructing I am, mentally and bodily in good health and memory and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereinafter mentioned. I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Dowers all my property and all to have to have and hold forever, and in case of the death of my son Thomas Dowers, and in case of the death without issue, then I give and bequeath all the above mentioned property to my son Charles Dowers to his and his heirs forever.

"Item: I give and bequeath to my son Lucious Dowers my two horses and the remaining part of his personalities and in case of his death _____ I give and bequeath the remains of his said estate unto my son, Thomas Dowers. Item: I give and bequeath to my son John Dowers my second horse and harness and money raised and also my hunting dogs with the exception of the spaniel bitch.

"Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Judith Dowers the one one-fourth I bought from Pleasant Hall with her receipts for lives and matters. I also give her the piano, safe and the furniture. Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Lucious Dowers my sixty acres and my interest in the dwelling and the furniture and a horse buggy and harness and interest. Item: I give and bequeath to my son George Dowers, the building and lot I bought from Pleasant Hall and the interest. Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Virginia Dowers the balance of my property in my dwelling. Item: I desire that neither of my daughters, should be married, they shall have authority to do so upon my premises. Item: I desire and will that my estate be not appraised. Item: I constitute and appoint my son Lucious and my son-in-law Jesse Jones executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 19th day of June, in the year of our Lord NINETEEN (1940).

LUCIOUS DOWERS.

"Signed sealed and delivered by the said Lucious Dowers to be his last will and testament in presence of us who were present at his request and making hereof.

Jesse Jones (x) Jones
John Jones, Jun.

This will was proved 10 Feb. 1940. Will liber [illegible] to Jesse Jones, John Jones Jr.

This copy is submitted to Mrs. Ella Jones Fox by Family Bible of John A. Jones, Jr. Richmond, Va. Sept. 24, 1944. Jones, Jones, Va. Further reference to the ancestors, Lucious, Jones and Jones." It is an account of the genealogy of John A. Jones, Jr. Jones 1777-1941, son of Thomas Jones of Louisa County, Va., and Mary Ann Dowers of Nelson County, Va. Has also, e.g., Mary Ann Dowers may have been descended from Lucious Dowers b. 1840, d. 1910, d. 17 Sept. 1940 passed in Feb. 1940, son of George and of Lucious. Lucious married Elizabeth Jones, dau. George Jones, County, Jones, Jones, Jones. (Lucious is called Jr.? [illegible] Jr. [illegible] Jr. [illegible] Jr.

C. WILL OF RICHARD DAMERON, ALBEMARLE COUNTY

"IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN, I RICHARD DAMERON, of the parish of St. Anne's in the county of Albemarle, being in perfect mind and memory, praise be to God, though weak of body do hereby . . . and ordain my last will and testament in manner following: Viz. Imprimis, I most humbly bequeath my soul to Almighty God who gave it, and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter mentioned.

"Item: I give and bequeath to Hannah Dameron 200 acres of land lying upon Hardware River and all my stock upon said plantation and all my part of corn, and upon her death without issue lawfully begotten, then I bequeath the above to Judith Dameron and her heirs lawfully begotten forever.

"Item: It is my desire that my horse be sold in order that my just debts be paid, also my riffle gun. Item: I give and bequeath my clothes to Moses Dameron. Item: I give and bequeath to John Ward 200 acres of land (near?) George Dameron's tract where he now lives. Item: I do constitute and appoint John Dameron and Noble Ladd my executors of this my last will and testament.

"Item: I do desire my executors above named to sell my deer skins to pay my funeral charges. Item: I give and bequeath my working tools to John Dameron as also my smooth bore gun. Item: It is my desire that my estate be not appraised.

"Item: I do again declare this to be my last will and testament, In Wittness Whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this 2nd day of Dec. The year of our Lord 174__.

his
RICHARD (R) DAMERON,
mark

"Wit. John Peter
Mary (L) Ladd, her mark
Mary (X) Morris, her mark"

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Albemarle Court, May Court, MDCCXLIX, proved upon oaths of John Peter, Mary Ladd and Mary Morris, witnesses of the will of Richard Dameron. (Book 1748-1752, Albemarle Wills.)

Now the Roman date is the same as for Lazarus 1748 for the proving of Richard's Will. However, Ruth Dorius sent me the above copy with the date 1742 on it, 2d of Dec. as the date of signing. The Carter Bible says the will was proved May Court 21 Dec. 1748. Bell says VI-2, p. 1, "12-2-1743 Will of Richard Dameron... probated 1749." I. Estelle King gives "Richard Dameron, 21 Dec. 1748, May Court, 1748, Legatees Hannah Dameron 200 acres of land; Judieth Dameron; clothes to Moses Dameron; John Ward to have 200 acres of land; John Dameron to have working tools."

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Mrs. Cornelius wrote to me: "There is not a marriage bond in Albemarle County for Noble Ladd and Judith Dameron but this county like others do not have all their records at all."

Marriage Bonds of Fluvanna, Va. prior to 1801, by the Misses Curry, has Dunmore Dameron m. Patsey Cox d. of George, July 26, 1798, bond John Davis. Also John Ladd m. Ann W. Moore, bond Thos. Johnson, Oct. 12, 1796. John Moody and Elizabeth P. Price, Bond John Fox Jr. Dec. 20, 1796.

Alimae Aiken found the Inventory of Lazarus Dameron in Book I,p.17: "This Inventory and appraisement was returned unto Albemarle Cou. the 12th day of February, 1750, and ordered to be recorded. Test. John Nicholas, Cl.

"An account of the appraisment of the personal estate of Lazarus Dameron, Decd, according to order of Court. Taken the 24th day of July, 1750, Witness our hands James Gilliam, James Hilton, Charles (his mark) Bond.

"To One Sorrell Horse, L 3:15:0. (The first figure is pounds, the next shillings, the last pence.--H.F.S.)
To One Rifle Gun, 3:0:0.
To a Skill, 1.0.0.
Tin Pewter 2/9 Ratt Trap 2/6 5 S. 3.
Cooper Tools 5/ a reap hook 1/ 6 S.0.
Three Iron Potts, 15 S.0
Old Iron 9/2: Chizels, 1 auger & Gimblet 4/6,
13 Shillings, 6
A frying pan 1/a plus Cut Saw 2 files and Rest 25/
L 1:6.0
A Pair of Money Scales 6/ two Juggs 6/ Spoon Moulds,
Shillings 17.0.
A Foot wheel 10/ Two Iron Wedges 4/ Shillings 14.0
A Black Walnut Chest 5/ a Table D° 10/, Sh. 15.0
An Old Chest & nails 5/2 Barrels & Tubbs 10/, Sh. 15.0
A pair of Skilliards 15/ Cows Calves & Yearlings 11/5, L 12.0.0.
A Bay horse and Saddle L 6/15, a Grind Stone 10, a Cherm 2/6, L 7.7.6.
Two Bells, one of them without a Clapper 5/, L. 0.5.0
Carried over L 33.14.3
Old Books 1d D° hand Jars 1/6, L 1.1.6.
One old Gun, 0.1.6.
A Hoan 2/6 meal sifter 1/a Bed Lugg Blanket & Sheet, L 1.5.0.
A bed and furniture, 6.0.0
Shoovel 2/ a Plough 3/, L 1.5.0.
An old bed and furniture L 2.8.6.
1 mare and 2 colts 3L
Totall L 48. 15.9

"This Inventory & Appraisment was returned into Albemarle County Court the 12th day of February, 1750, and ordered to be recorded. Test, John Nicholas.

She also took an accurate list of the "Inventory of the Estate of John Damron, Decd.": 4 head of Cattle, L 2, shillings 10, no pence; 1 mare, L 2; 1 Sow & 5 Shortes, S. 12; To Working Touls, 12 S. 6.; 1 Iron Wedge & some biffle saws (?), 6 pence; 1 bed and furniture & bed hide L 1.7; To pewter S. 10.;1 bagg & Carpenters Rule, S. 1.2; 1 Chest 3 shillings; 3 bottles, 1 sh.; 1 pair of cards and old box iron, 1 sh.; 1 pot and Hooks & frying pann, 6 sh.; 1 waterpail & ps. gin. 4 sh.; 2 cheiars, 1 Bedstead, & Coco (?) 6 shillings; a passel of Hoggs not seen, also a horse not seen; 1 Drawing nife & Joyners hatchet sold; 1 chisel & Iron Wedge not seen; 1 Spining wheel not seen; To some old iron. We the subscribers being first sworn, AMBROS PORTOR, BENJAMIN STINNET, GLOVER DIVENPORT. This inventory and appraisment was returned into Albemarle Court the ninth Day of November, 1757. Test. JOHN NICHOLAS."

In the Surveyors' Book in the County Clerk's office, Albemarle, she also found the following all in 1746: 374 acres on Huff Creek surveyed for John Wheeler; plot of 400 acres on Cary Creek surveyed for Benjamin Woodson; Philip Morris, 400 acres on fork of Rockfish Creek (now in Nelson Co. just over the line); 300 acres on Holliday River surveyed for John Ward; 100 acres on South side of Fluvanna River joining Major Allen Howard's back line surveyed for John Thomas; 81 ac. on north side of Rockfish River (Nelson Co. now) surveyed for Thos. Henderson.

In Charlottesville, in the Surveyors' Book No. I, 1744-1755, of Albemarle Co., Alimae Aiken also found the following items:

1746 Plot of 200 acres on the branches of Woodsons Creek surveyed for John Dameron, joining Benj. Woodson and ____ Dameron.
1746 Lazarus Dameril 212 acres on north side of Fluvanna River surveyed for Lazarus Dameril. (There never has been a Fluvanna River--the people in that section gave this name to the lower James after the Rivanna River flowed into it.--A.A.)
1746 George Dameril, Plot of 147 acres on Fluvanna River surveyed for George Dameril.
1749 George Dameron 400 acres on North side of Hardware River and on Briery Creek surveyed for George Dameron.

She also made copies of the following deeds: 1749 George Damron to John Peter, south side of Fluvanna River; 1767 George Damron to George Hilton, from Hugh Morris to Bryery Creek; 1752, George Dameril to Thomas Tilman, on Hardware River; 1750 John Wheeler to John Dameron, Huffs Creek; 1776 Charles Dameron to Robert Lilly, Woodson's Creek; 1776 Charles Damron to Hugh Rice Morris (power of attorney). She also found that in 1755 George Dameron was patentee for 400 acres on north side of Hardware River and Briery Creek.

She has an accurate copy of the will of Lazarus Dameron which gives the names of the witnesses as: John Galey,Junr., John Peter, William Creasy, proved Feb. 14, 1749. It was recorded "At the motion of John Dameron & John Thomas, two executors therein named, who made oath according to law. Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probat thereof in due form,giving security on which they with Matthew Jordon and Hugh Morris, their securities, entered into and acknowledged their Bond."

In the Surveyors' Book, No. 1, Part 2, 1756-1790, she found the following for Moses Dameron: "This is a plot of Ninety-nineacres of land lying on both sides of Damron's Creek and the north side of Fluvanna River in AlbemarleCounty, Surveyed for Moses Dameron 15th Nov. 1760, by John Staples.

"This is a plot of 175 acres of land lying on the branches Red Bank and Damron's Creeks in Albemarle County, surveyed for Moses Dameron 15th June, 1761, John Staples.

"Surveyors Book No. 1, Part I, 1744-1755: This is a plot of 200 acres land lying among the branches of Harris Creek, Surveyed for Amos Ladd Jan. 12, 1754, Thos. Turpin."

She also has complete copies of the following: Deed Book 1, p. 137, from George Dameron to John Peter, of 147 acres granted by patent Dec. 1, 1748, south of the Fluvanna "beginning at Michael Thomas white oak corner...to Major Allen Howard's white oak corner, up the river." The 10 L was acknowledged 15 Nov. 1749 by George Dameron." Relinquishment of dower rights were made by "Anne Thene Dameron" as I read it from a tracing, but it has also been read Thana. The Thene is written exactly as in George. However, on the deed to Tilman is a clearly written An Thany Dameril. (Note by H.F.S. If this were a French Huguenot name Thone, it would be pronounced Toney or Taney if spelled Thene.) The deed from George Dameron to Thomas Tilman, Feb. 11, 1752, is signed and sealed by "George Dameril" and "An Thany Dameril," in presence of Matthew Jordan, Alexdr. McCaul, Thomas Thornell. It sells to Tilman 400 acres in Albemarle "on both sides of Hardwar River...begin ning at Benjamin Woodson's corner red oak on the north side of the River and running across the same south...crossing Hardwar River...to Woodson's corner"etc. for 100 L, acknowledged the same day. This refers to "George Dameron & Ann Thany his wife in Albemarle County." The deed to Peter refers to "George Dameron of the Parish of St. Ann's and County of Albemarle.Tilton's refers to George of Buckingham.

The full copy of the deed from "George Damron of Buckingham County of the one part and George Hilton, Jr. of the County of Amherst, the other part" shows that he sold for 50 L 300 acres in Albemarle "Beginning at a Spanish Oak corner of Hugh Morrises & with his line 2° to Bryery Creek...thence on John Moore's line to the first station," witnesses Wm. Stone, Marbel Stone, Hezekiah Stone, dated Aug. 8, 1767.

The deed dated 13 Oct. 1750 "between John Wheeler of the Parish of St. Ann's and County of Albemarle of the one part and John Dameron of the same county and parish of the other...for the sum of seven pounds currt. money of Virginia...doth grant bargain and sell...one certain tract...containing 374 acres...in the county of Albemarle on Huff's Creek...Beginning at a White Oak and running north...crossing the creek to a white oak north." Witnesses were Henry Trent, Thomas Lawhorn, Geo. Dameron.

The full deed dated Oct. 22, 1776 "between Charles Damron of the County of Albemarle of the one part and Robert Lilly of the said county of the other part, for...the sum of thirty two pounds ten shillings current money of Virginia...doth bargain and sell alien and confirm...a certain tract or parcell of land containing 200 acres lying and being in the aforesaid county of Albemarle on the branches of Woodson's Creek...Beginning at Pointers upon Benjamin Woodson's line...to a white oak upon Richard Damron's line with the said line, south 65° East 20 poles to pointers South...to the first station and now in the possession of the said Robert Lilley." It was signed by Charles with an X and witnesses were Thomas Staples, Nich. Hamner, Henry Wood, William Rogers, Hugh Rice Morris.

A note reads: "There are no marriages recorded in Albemarle County, Va. before 1781, destroyed by the British in June 4, 1781. The only Damron marriage in Albemarle County up to 1844 is Little P. Damrol to Susannah Turner April 22, 1801, an there are no Ladd marriages here. Dameron wills recorded in Albemarle Co., Va. are: Richard, d. 1749, Lazarous, 1749; John, inventory 1757. In the First Court Order Book, Albemarle County, Va. 1744-1747, the name of Lazarus Dameron is found July, 1745. In this same book there is the notice of the will of Amos Ladd, Nov. 28, 1745, witnesses Edward Lamb Parsons & John Dameron."

Another note reads: "I don't know where I got this but it is in my notes: John Dameron born Jan. 12, 1757, married 1779 or 80 Anna Ladd, and Noble Ladd married 1753 Judith Dameron, married in Brunswick Co., Virginia."

The Index in the Clerk's Office, Albemarle County, Va. shows the following:

1839 William Damron to S.F. Leake, Deed of Trust, Per Prop, Book 3, p. 43.
1857 William Damron from Ira Garrett, clerk, lot in Warren, Book 56, p. 473.
1855 Page Damron from J.W. Damron, 5 acres, Book 54, p. 43.
1858, Page Damron, Sr. from J.S. Moon, Book 57, p. 222.
1822 James Damron fromThos. Thurmond, Deed of Trust, Book 23, p. 223.
1836 James Damron to Henry Rittenhouse, 188 acres, Book 33,p. 197.
1836 Julia Damron to Henry Rittenhouse, Dower 188 acres, Book 33, p. 197.

A note by A.A. said: "An old history of Albemarle Co. publ. in 1900 by Rev. Edgar Woods states that John and Julia (Thurmond) Damron went to LincolnCounty, Missouri, no dates given."

Another list shows the Dameron wills in Virginia up to 1800: Lancaster County, John Dameron 1782, Rachel 1796; Northumberland Co., Jessee, 1790, Mary, 1799, Joseph 1759, will; Christopher, 1766, will, George 1784, Inv.

LAZARUS DAMERON, EARLY SETTLER OF ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VA.

Lazarus Dameron and his children came to Albemarle County, when it was still a wilderness. The Court Order Book of Albemarle County, 1744-1748, has an item "Nov. 14, 1746 Wolf's Heads. To George Dameron for seven young at 70 . . . 490. To William Woodson for one Young at 70.... 140." This refers to pounds of tobacco. The History of Albemarle County by Woods, p. 13, says: "The scalps of wolves were reported in large numbers. One hundred and forty pounds of tobacco were allowed for the scalp of an old wolf, and seventy-five for that of a young one, that is, one under six months old. When tobacco ceased to be a circulating medium, twelve and six dollars were given as the premiums. These reports continued with more or less regularity in subsequent years down to 1849, the last on record, when Isaac W. Garth was awarded twelve dollars for killing an old wolf. Jonathan Barksdale, Samuel Jameson, William Ramsey and Ryland Rodes, are names which appear most frequently in this connection. In 1835, Lewis Snow received a dollar and a half for the scalp of a red fox. The Court agitated the removal of these premiums once or twice after 1849, but there is no indication that their offer was ever made."

In this same Law Order Book I, are other items in Albemarle County:

July 25, 1745, p. 34: "On the petition of the inhabitants in the Fork of the James River leave is granted them to clear a road from the Court House to Shepard's Foard from thence to Benjamin Woodsons Foard and from thence to Doct^r Hopkin's Road. Ordered that Lazarus Dameron, George Hilton and Benjamin Woodson be overseers of the said road."

Aug. 23, 1745: "Edwin Hickman, Gent. against Thomas Fitzpatrick, am. of Chas. Blany, Decd.--IN CASE. The parties being this day called to wit. Samuel Jordon, John Cannon, Mathew Tucker, John Peartree, Burks Davis, Stockton, Richard Stockton, John Hunter, Andrew Read, Lazarus Dameron, James Armer, Robert King and Hugh Morris who being elected tried and sworn well and truly to enquire of damages upon their oaths do say that the aforesaid Edwin Hickman hath sustained damages by occation of the Premises aforesaid besides his Costs and Charges by him Cut to H (?) about his Suit in this behalf extended by him to six pounds fifteen shillings and one penny half penny. Samuel Jordan Foreman. Therefore it is considered that the aforesaid Edwin Hickman, Gent^m, do recover against the said Thomas Fitzpatrick adm. of Charles Blany, Decd. the Damages aforesaid by the Jury aforesaid above found and allso One Hundred and Seventy nine & 1/4 Pounds of neet Tobacco which by our said Court ware adjudged for his Charges by him about his Suit in this behalf expended and the aforesaid Thomas Fitzpatrick in mercy, etc.

"SAMUEL JORDON against THOM. FITZPATRICK, Adm. Chas. Blany, Decd.--IN CASE:

"The parties being this day called appear and Thereupon came allso a Jury to wit, John Cannon, Mathew Tucker, John Peartree Burks Davis Stockton, Richard Stockton, John Hunter, Andrew Reed, Lazarus Dameron, James Armer, Robert King, Hugh Morris and Richard Taylor who being elected tried and sworn well and truly to Enquire of Damages upon their oath do say that the aforesaid Samuel Jordon hath sustained Damages by occation of the Premises aforesaid besides his Costs and Charges by him put to Eight Pounds. Therefore it is considered that the aforesaid Samuel Jordon do recover against the said Thomas Fitzpatrick adm. of Charles Blany Decd. the damages aforesaid by the Jury aforesaid above found and also One Hundred and Seventy nine and 1/4 pounds of neet Tobacco which by our said Court were adjudged for his Costs by him about his Suit in this behalf expended and the aforesaid Thomas Fitzpatrick in mercy etc."

1748. Petition of Allen Howard and others to build a mill on Rockfish River was likewise ordered to be certified to the General Court.

The original farm of Lazarus Dameron was in Porter's Precinct, Albemarle County, according to Alimae Aiken. It was near the land which Peter Jefferson, fatherof President Thomas Jefferson, bought of Noble Ladd, on the James River--which was then called Fluvanna above where the Hardware River flows into it. The Old Surveyor's Book, 1744,-1755,Albemarle Co., in 1754 has an item for Peter Jefferson: "This is an inclusive plot of 2050 acres of Land Lying on the South side of the Fluvanna River. Opposite to Totier Creek in Albemarle County. 400 acres of which purchased of Noble Ladd and the other part being new land." Noble Ladd was the father of Anne Ladd who m. Capt. John Damron. Peter Jefferson died 1757, and was a surveyor.

There is also in the vicinity of Lazarus land a survey by Wm. Caball, surveyor, "A Plot of 150 Acres on the South side of Fluvanna. Surveyed for Bishop Toney May 20th, 1747." This may be the family of Anne Thany or Thone or Toney, wife of George Dameron, as it is the only name found similar to the peculiar spelling, which may also be pronounced Taney. A deed book for Albemarle shows also in 1924 Lester G. Toney, age 52, and Blanche Toney, age 50, both of Bluefield, W. Va., nephew and niece of Rudolph L. Goodman (deceased) of Albemarle Co., Va. inherited part of his estate.

Alimae Aiken made a trip to Esmont, Va. in 1954, to find the home place of Lazarus Dameron and wrote the following:

"I went to Esmont, Va. which is about four miles from the voting place in Porter's Precinct. My purpose was to try to find the grave yard spoken of in the will of Robert Damron of Lynchburg, Va. 1912. In this will he requests his executors to erect tombs to his mother Hannah M. and two brothers Lindsey C., and George J. and put a fence around the grave yard. His father William is mentioned at the end of the will. I wanted to see if earlier members of the family were buried there also.

"In Esmont I talked with Mrs. Thomas, a dear old lady in her eighties. She told me of the exact spot right behind a certain store where a church and cemetery once were located. She said that the cemetery was exceedingly old and in ruins when she played in it as a child and that it was the only one which had ever been in that district, public or private. I went there and found no holes to fall into which Mrs. Thomas said were there but a perfectly level plowed field. No signs whatsoever that a cemetery and church had once been there. It gave me a very queer and angry pulsation. Another nice elderly lady in Esmont said she did remember that there was once a small private cemetery long ago on Mr. Gilmore's place and that a negro named Simpson had owned the land afterwards and long ago this negro had sold it to another negro. I hunted it but could not drive my car back in the woods on an impossible road so had to give up. It was once a good white community but for quite a few years negroes have owned all the land there. They could tell me nothing. I doubt if the graveyard mentioned in the will was the public one with the church which had been plowed over. It was likely private. The last lady with whom I talked doubted if tombs and a fence had ever been erected. This William who was the father of Robert and Lindsey C.--to whom did he belong? Mrs. Thomas was a Childress and knew nothing about the Thomas and Dameron early history."

Alimae Aiken also wrote: "Lazarus lived on the north side of the Fluvanna (James) in Porter's Precinct. The other Damerons did not so far as I know live in this precinct--the Hardware River Damerons. In the recent xurveyors' plots which I sent you in 1760 and 1761 Moses Dameron bought land on the north side of the Fluvanna along Dameron and Red Bank Creeks. When Gordon Dameron and his mother, Mrs. Ada, of Scottsville, Va., said that their farm on the Hardware was the original Dameron farm, I don't think it could have been Lazarus' as he lived down on the Fluvanna, according to the surveyor's plot. One of the others owned it."

A letter from Mrs. P. P. Thomas, Sr., Esmont, Va. to Alimae Aiken June 1, 1954, said: "I understand your letter, so we will skip all about the plowed over cemetery. I think I told you it had been turned into a garden. If the graves you mentioned are on a farm described by Mrs. Lane as the Gilmore farm near Porter's Precinct, and described in Mr. Robert Dameron's will as being on the John E. Eubank farm near Porter's Precidct and owned by a Mr. Williams, I guess it is the same farm my father, J. H. Childress, lived on for one year in 1879 when I was five years old. Now, although I was so yonng then, and now am 80 years old, I distinctly remember there was one or two graves there. I am certain of one, I had not thought of them in years, but the letter brought it back to me, also that a young colored woman was buried there. I have a recollection of seeing her in her coffin. She was a mulatto. The grave or graves I remember were bu ilt up high (old time way and the dirt was so red, and they were not in woods then. The old home my father lived in was torn down years ago when Coleman Simpson bought it. He built another house. That too is gone now. A niece of his lives not so far from the colored school. I never heard of the man Eubank or the Mr. Williams. My brother is 15 years younger than me so I doubt if he knows anything about it. Mr. Knick Thomas died Sept. 9th, 1909. Mr. T. H. Childress (my father) died in 1928, July 19th. I know of no old negroes who can help. I hope this will help you some. Very truly, MRS. P. P. THOMAS. P. S. I remember my older sister and I used to pick wild flowers and put them on the grave or graves. They hdd wooden boards at head and foot. Seems to me the grave was near a negro woman's home. There were two (what was called) negro quarters not so far from the main house."

She also received a letter from Mrs. B. L. Leap, Scottsville, Va. who owns part of the Gordon Dameron place: "I have tried to find you some information but had very little success. All of the old people are gone from here now. My deed gave no Dameron name so it was a long time ago. At one time a Monroe Dameron did live here--had some girls--moved to Lynchburg to send them to school. One girl Sallie married a Walker Parrish, don't know where that family is. There is a Mrs. Parrish in Lynchburg now. Also a Robert Dameron once lived there. If you write to Appalachian Electric Power Co. 523 Main St., Lynchburg, and ask about a Dolly Dameron who used to work forthem, you may get somewhere. Write % L. T. Smith as a woman told me he worked for him. The grave yard is on Gordon Damron's place where he lives now."

Another letter is from Mrs. Jack Kennan, 1934 Thomson Road, Charlottesville, Va. Mr. Thomas was born and reared near Woodson Creek in Fluvanna, and his son-in-law runs the store in Charlottesville, furniture store: "My father, Marion C. Thomas, is 95 years old, and in Naylor Nursing Home. He is remarkable. He gets out for rides often, but is feeble. I was in hopes he could help you in regard to the Dameron family but he doesn't seem to remember. I talked to himabout it. If he tries, he is very alert, and especially if one is talking about Fluvanna. He really loves "Old Flu." I am sorry he does not have any old records in regard to that vicinity. Have you read the Sneads of Fluvanna, by Mrs. W. E. Hatcher. You can get it from some member of the Snead family in Fork Union. The Sneads and Thomas families married. I wish I could help you in regard to this. It is all so interesting."

Apr. 11, 1954, Alimae Aiken wrote: "At noon yesterday I went to Charlottesville. I went on to Hardware River and Woodson's Creek, Fluvanna Co. None of the houses nor graves are left. Several people around there were exceedingly interested and helpful and very nice to me. I am going back there to talk to an old Mr. Thomas and will go to Lazarus' location when I can."

Another note says: "I mentioned Harris Creek as flowing into the lower Hardware and this is correct but since obtaining other maps from the Univ. of Va. Geological Dept. and looking at a very old map in Univ. Va. Library I find also a Harris Creek whichflows into Rockfish Creek, on the Albemarle side, and Stovall's, Bolling and Harris Creeks flowing into the James in Amherst. This is likely the Harris Creek mentioned in the Amherst deeds."

The children of Lazarus Dameron and Elizabeth Smith were the following:

1. George Dameron. The Virginia Land Grants from George II, p. 657, show a patent to George Dameron from George II for 400 acres for 40 shillings (p. 2). The 400 acres are in the county of "Albemarle on the north side of Hardware River and on Briery Creek and bounded as followeth to wit: Beg. at a Spanish oak corner of Hugh Morris's and with his line north two degrees west 88 poles to Briery Creek,the same course continued on a new line." Signed by Robt. Dinwiddie, Lt. Com. of Col. Williamsburg, Sept. 10, 1755.

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In Buckingham County, where George Dameron's land was cut off in 1761, which ran along the river, I found on the Tax Lists for 1784, George Dameron and Michael Dameron. There was a George Dameron in the Revolution who applied for a pension in 1832 from Halifax County, N.C. This stated he lived in Halifax County, Va. before 1798. Charles Dameron in the Revolution in the 2d Regiment was in Albemarle County when he entered service, and was in Georgia 1786.

A Page Dameron was on the Tax List of 1798-1803 in Buckingham, and this name was listed in the Carter Bible as being related to those Damerons. Amherst County, Virginia, in the Revolution, lists George and Daniel Dameron.

2. John Dameron, executor of estate of his father Lazarus in 1749, with his brother-in-law John Thomas. John received a land grant in 1748, p. 40, the grant just following that of his brother George. For 20 shillings George II grants to John Dameron 200 acres in Albemarle County on both sides of Woodson's Creek of Hardware River and beginning at Benjamin Woodson's corner white oak in Richard Dameron's line, thence on Dameron's line south to Woodson's line, with all woods, mines etc. Signed, William Gooch, Dec. 1, 1748.

John Dameron died in Albemarle in 1751 leaving only an inventory, no will with no names mentioned, Mrs. Pearce says. On microfilm, p. 36, I noted the inventory of John Dameron, 1757, in the same Will Book which had Richard's will, 1748-1752, Albemarle Wills. It was dated 23 May, 1757, "Inventory of the Estate of John Dameron," and another date is given as April 7, 1757. I read this as 1757 but it could be 1751, of course.

"4 head cattle 2-10	frying pan
1 mare 2	2 chairs and bed
working tools	6 joyners, chisel, wheel saw
iron wedge and biffle saw	old iron
paten	

"Signed, Amber Porter, Benjamin Damrel, Glover Davenport, 10 day of Nov. Test. John Nicholas."

It is obvious that he was a carpenter as his father was, and his father's will mentions his apprentices, leaving to John English McCoy, and to Moses John Ward.

3. Winefred Thomas, who married John Thomas, and had a son Charles mentioned in her father's will 1749 as his grandson. Lazarus' son-in-law John Thomas was executor with John Dameron, and witnesses listed are John Thomas and John Thomas Jr.

4. Hannah, to whom Richard Dameron gave 200 acres of land in his will and all his stock of the said plantation, to go to Judith if Hannah should have no heirs. This was on the Hardware River.

5. Richard Dameron. In 1748 he is mentioned in the land grant to his brother John as having land adjoining the grant, and next to Benjamin Woodson on Woodson's Creek of Hardware River. His will was proved at the May Court, 1749, while his father's was proved Feb. 14, 1749. This seems to indicate they were in some accident together, perhaps attacked by Indians. The brother John died not long after. Richard's will gives his estate to his sisters and brothers, and the executors were Noble Ladd and John Dameron.

6. Moses Dameron. In his father's will 1749 it says: "to son Mosesall houses and lands but in case he has no heirs to John Dameron." This indicates that the eldest son was George, who received only one shilling perhaps because he already was set up with his own land grant, as also was John, hence apparently Moses was the youngest son living with his father at the time of his death. However, as Moses received the clothes of his brother Richard in his will, he must have been a sizeable person at that time, 1749.

I found a Moses Dameron in the tax lists of Montgomery County in 1782. Montgomery was taken off in 1777 from Fincastle (E), which was taken off 1772-77 from Botetourt, formed 1770, from Augusta. Augusta was formed 1745 from Orange, which was taken from Spotsylvania 1734, and Spotsylvania was taken from Essex 1721. Essex was taken from Rappahannock 1692. Rappahannock was taken 1656-92 from Lancaster, and Lancasterwas taken 1651 from Northumberland.

Nell Crawford Elkins Pearce has traced this line and she found Moses Dameron or Damron in Rowan County, N.C. 1753 and later in Surry where Noble Ladd and his family were. Rowan had been cut up into several counties. Her genealogist believed this Moses might be the father of John Damron b. 1757. Moses in Surry had sold his land about 1767.which had been bought in Rowan. Rowan was taken from Anson 1753.

7. Judith Dameron, who married Noble Ladd, executor of Richard Dameron's will in 1749 with John Dameron, while Mary Ladd,Mary Morris and John Peter were witnesses. "Noble Ladd and Judah Damarel a son named Constant b. Jan. 1753, baptized, 1758, Oct. 23." I found this in the Douglas Register of Goochland, but it was not recorded by Douglas but in the Birth Registry. In this reference a list of marriages is given according to the date of birth of the first child in this register, hence this list shows the marriage of "Judah Damarel and Noble Ladd, Jan. 1753." Reference is on p. 232 (53). The Rev. Douglas was Church of England but in these records you will find all kinds of births and deaths and marriages of different denominations, including Huguenots. I found no Dameron in this book. The Will of Noble Ladd proved in Surry County, N.C. Nov. 1782 says: "I give and bequeath to my daughter Anne five shillings." In the 1790 Census for Stokes County, N.C., Salisbury District, p. 179, I found "Judath Ladd," with three females and two slaves, she being the head of family. Noble Ladd is also listed on the same page with one male over sixteen, four males under sixteen, free and white, three females and one slave. Joseph, William and Constant Ladd are also listed.

THE THOMAS FAMILY OF ALBEMARLE, AMHERST AND NELSON

The Thomas and Dameron families several times intermarried, and the descendants of John Thomas who married Winifred Dameron, are also Dameron descendants, of course. The following is the Will of John Thomas, 1760, his wife Winifred being the daughter of Lazarus Dameron, Book 2, p. 72, Albemarle County, Va.

"I JOHN THOMAS of the parish of Tillotson County of Albemarle twenty fourth day of February in the year of our Lord MDCCLX... Unto my loving Wife Winifred Thomas the house & plantation whereon I now live during her natural life together with all my household goods & Furniture & whole stock . . . & accept such of them as are hereafter mentioned as legacys to my Children which are as follows, Item I give & bequeath to my son Charles Thomas one hundred acres of land lying & being in the County of Albemarle on the South side the Fluvanna River joining Col. Allen Howard to him and his heirs forever. Item I give & bequeath to my son Charles Thomas one Gray Mare Item I give & bequeath to my son J^{o}_{n}. after his Mother's decease the Tract of Land whereon I now live Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Judith one Gray horse Item my will & pleasure is that when my Daughter Betty Smith Thomas shall attain the age of XVjjj years Then I bequeath her a riding Beast Item to my Daughter Ann Thomas when she attains the age of XVIIJ years then I bequeath her a riding Beast Item my Will & pleasure further is that at my wife's Decease all my household Furniture Stock Cattle hogs & whatsoever be remaining be Equally Divided amongst my three daughters Judith, Betty Smith, and Anne Thomas Item Will is that my estate be brought to no appraisement Lastly I make and ordain Michael Thomas Joseph Thomas and my son Charles Thomas executors of this my Will in Trust for the Intent & purpose in this my Will Contained in this sheet of paper & I do hereby revoke all former and Other Wills heretofore by me made Either by Word or Writing & my Executors are to take Care and see this my Will performed according to my true Intent and meaning For Witness whereof I the said John Thomas have to this my last Will & Testament set my hand and Seal the day and year above written, Signed Sealed & Delivered by the said John Thomas for his last will and Testament in the presence of us who was present at the time of signing and sealing thereof. JOHN PETER, MOSES SWEENEY, JOHN WARD.

"At a Court held for Albemarle County the twelfth day of June 1760 this will was proved by oaths of John Peter, Moses Sweeney & John Ward. Teste JOHN NICHOLAS."

John Ward was the apprentice mentioned in the will of Lazarus Dameron apparently. Note also that in the Deed from George Dameron to John Peter, 1748, his land begins "at Michael Thomas white oak corner... to Major Allen Howard's white oak corner up the river," south of the river. Hence we see that these families lived adjoining, and that John was related to Michael apparently. In 1745 there is a land patent for Michael Thomas Jr. in Albemarle. Alimae Aiken wrote: "John Thomas signed his own name and could write. I could not make out the name at first for $J^{o}n$. Since I saw it under glass there is no doubt in my mind it was meant for John. Charles had been crossed out and the other name for John put in its place:

Michael had sons Jeke, Thomas, John Thomas, William Thomas in a will of 1824, who must be descendants. John Thomas and Winifred Dameron had children, Charles, John, Judith, Betty Smith and Anne, in the will of 1760. Edward Thomas in his will of 1758 shows he had a brother named John Thomas, and a son John Thomas, and Edward must be the father of John Thomas who married Winifred Dameron as she witnessed the will. Both Johns signed Dameron wills, it will be noted.

Tillotson Parish was in Buckingham when that county was cut off from Albemarle, so the above Thomas land would then be in Buckingham which adjoined that of George Dameron, father of Michael who was father of Dunmore Dameron. The name Michael makes one think he was the grandfather of Michael Dameron or in some way related.

WILL OF EDWARD THOMAS, 1760, ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA

"In the name of God Amen I Edward Thomas of Albemarle County of parish of Tillotson being in a declining condition of body but of sound mind & memory thanks be to Almighty God do make constitute & appoint this to be my Last Will & Testament first I Commend my soul to God that gave it me & my body to the Earth to be decently Buried as my Executors shall think fit and as to my Worldly Estate I think fit to dispose of in manner & form as followeth Viz that is to say Item I give & bequeath to my Eldest son William Thomas one hundred acres of land part of the Tract I now live on & bounded as followeth to wit beginning at John Thomas' upper corner in the River running on his back line to a new line on the north fork of the Millstone branch down the said branch ona new mark'd line to the Creek down the saidcreek to the River thence down the river to the firs Station, be the same more or less, Excepting the Use of the Orchard during my life which said Land I give to him and his heirs forever & I also give him my negro girl Phebe and all her increase to him and his heirs forever I also give him his Cattle that he has in possession & his hogs which in his possession & that to be his part Item I give & bequeath to my son John Thomas the Remainder of the land I now live on which said Land I give to him and his heirs forever I also give him one bed & furniture and that to be his part Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Martha Goolsby six pounds Currant money of Virginia which said six pounds not to be paid to her till three years after my Death Item I give to my Daughter Susannah Stephens the bed she lies on & fourty shillings Currant money to be paid three years after my Death. Item I give to my Daughter Elizabeth Thomas six pounds Currant money to be paid three years after my decease. Item my will and desire is that the rest of my Estate not mentioned of which kind whatsoever I lend to my well beloved wife Mary Thomas in lew of Dower and at her Death my Desire is that my Estate be Equally Divided between my ghree Daughters before mentioned. Item my will and pleasure is that my Estate be not appraised Item I constitute and appoint my brother John Thomas and my son John Thomas Executors of this my Last will and Testament remaking all other former Wills In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirteenth day of December, 1758. EDWARD THOMAS.

"Sign'd Seal'd & Deliver'd in the presence of Joseph Thomas Winnie (her mark) Thomas, Mary (M her mark) Goodwin.

"At a court held for Albemarle County the Eighth day of March 1760 this will was presented to Court by John Thomas & John Thomas the Executors therein named proved by the oath of Winnie Thomas one of the witness thereto & on the motion of the said Executors who made Oath according to Law Certificate is granted them for Obtaining probate thereof in due form giving Security on which they with Thomas Jopling their Security entered into and acknowledged their Bond for the due and faithful performance of the said Will at a Court held for the said County the tenth day of April 1760 the same was further proved by Joseph Thomas another of the witnesses thereto Ordered to be Recorded. Test. JOHN NICHOLAS, CLK." (Book 2, p. 65.)

WILL OF MARGARET M. THOMAS, ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VA., 1816.

" . . . First whereas during the life of my deceased husband Charles L Thomas he gave to our daughter Mary Walker Thomas one negro girl . . . and whereas it is my wish that my daughter Francis Elizabeth Thomas should be made equal in property to my daughter Mary Walker Thomas . . . Therefore it is my will that out of the proceeds of the land willed by my fahter Nicholas Lewis to be sold at the death of my mother Mary Lewis and proceeds equally divided between his daughter of whom I am one . . . purchase a negro girl for my daughter Francis Elizabeth. It is my will that . . . shall be equally divided between all my children Mary Walker, Nicholas Lewis, Charles Lewis, Robert Warner, Francis Elizabeth and John _____. I appoint Howell Lewis, John S. Thomas and John M. Martin executors. M. M. THOMAS. (Signed). Witnesses Alex Garrett, Lewis Carr, John Mapie." Proved Sept. 3, 1816, Albemarle Co. by oaths of Alexander Garrett and Lewis Carr, two of the witnesses. Book 6, p.184.

EXCERPT FROM WOOD'S HISTORY OF ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA--THOMAS FAMILY.

"Michael Thomas in 1745 and 1748 patented six hundred acres on Hog Creek and Rockfish River. He seems however to have resided on James River. At the resumption of the records in 1783, he was active as a magistrate of the county, and was appointed Sheriff in 1789. He was greatly harassed by suits brought against him as incumbent of that office, owing to the maladministration of his deputies, Edward Moore and Menan Mills. Perhaps these annoyances incited the old gentleman to seek the balmy consolations of matrimony a second time. Atall events he entered into those bonds with Elizabeth Staton in 1792; and in writing to the Clerk for a license, he stated that he was unable to visit the county seat himself, but sent his son Ralph, and his grandson John Carroll, to act in his behalf. He died in 1802. His children appear to have been Michael, Joseph, Jesse, Ralph, Edward, James and a daughter, who was the wife of a Carroll. The future of the family is unknown, except that Joseph died in 1779, and Michael in 1826.

"John Thomas came to the county from Amherst. He was twice married, first to Frances, daughter of the elder John Henderson and secondly to Frances, daughter of Charles Lewis, Jr., of Buck Island. He lived for a time on a tract of land which he received from his second father-in-law on Ivy Creek, and which was sold in 1788 to Robert Draffen, and afterwards on the land of his son Charles L. Thomas near Red Hill. He died in 1847. His children by the first marriage were Warner, Norborne K., James, Elizabeth, the wife of a Wood, and Lucy, the wife of James Lewis; those by the second were Charles L., John L., Virginia, and Margaret, the wife first of Julius Clarkson, and secondly of Robert Cashmere. In the early part of the century, Warner, Norborne and John K. did business in Richmond as commission merchants, under the firm of N.K. Thomas & Co. About 1815 they purchased the Cole land on the north side of Tom's Mountain, a thousand and twenty-eight acres; three hundred they sold to Stephen Moore, and the remainder was assigned to John L. Thomas, when he retired from the firm in 1818.

"By the will of his uncle Isham Lewis, who died in 1790, Charles L. Thomas became theowner of more than eighteen hundred acres on the north fork of Hardware, where Red Hill Depot now stands. His home was where the family of John B. Townley now reside. Before his death in 1815 he leased the eastern part of the place to his brother John L. during the lives of his parents, for their support, and that of his sisters. His wife was Margaret, the youngest daughter of Nicholas Lewis, of the Farm, and his children were Mary Walker, the wife of Alexander Clayton, Nicholas L., Charles, Robert Warner, Frances Elizabeth, the wife first of Dr. Charles H. Meriwether, and secondly of James Hart, and John J. The western part of thepkce was divided among the children, who in 1830, and some years following, sold their portions, and emigrated to Montgomery County, Tennessee. John L. passed his life on the place leased him by his brother. He was appointed a magistrate in 1838 and died unmarried in 1846." (Page 327.)

THE WILL OF MICHAEL THOMAS OF ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VA. 1824

" . . . First, I desire that all debts be paid, Secondly that such of my children as has not had a horse should have one at the value of fifty dollars Third I give to Polly Thomas the widow of my son James Thomas Dec'd one dollar and no more and to her second Daughter Sally fifty Dollars and no more on her coming of age or marrying Fourth I give to Lucy Kidd my wife's daughter an equal share with my own children hereafter mentioned after the above provisions are complyed with in all my estate except the land to her and her children forever Fifth I give to be equally divided between them my children namely John Thomas, William Thomas, Jeke Thomas, Elizabeth Thomas, Jane Jobling & Martha Thomas, my land and all my Estate of whatever description or kind whatever to them and their heirs forever." Executors my son Jeke Tomas and friends Ralph Thomas Sunr and Jeke Jopling, Mar. 17, 1824, Proved Sept. 4, 1826, by oath of Wm. Gilmore, Samuel Childres, witnesses.

THE DESCENDANTS OF GEORGE DAMERON

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, of Northumberland County, Va. 1652, wife named Dorothy.

II. GEORGE DAMERON, of Northumberland, m. Elizabeth, Widow of John Dennis.

III. LAZARUS d. 1749, Albemarle County, Va. m. Elizabeth, dau. of Richard Smith. Their children were:

1. Richard, d.s.p. 1749. In 1748 he had a land grant next to John Damron and Benjamin Woodson on Hardware River, Woodson's Creek, Albemarle.

2. George Dameron, also spelled Dameril, of Albemarle and Buckingham.

3. Winefred, m. John Thomas and had a son Charles mentioned in the will of Lazarus Dameron 1749, John Thomas and John Dameron being executors, and witnesses being John Thomas and John Thomas, Jr.

4. Hannah, heir to 200 acres of land in her brother Richard's will, 1749, on Hardware River, Albemarle, which was to go to Judith if Hannah had no heirs.

5. Moses Dameron.

6. Judith, m. Noble Ladd. Their daughter, Anna Ladd, m. Capt. John Damron b. 1757 in Virginia. His company of the 9th Va. under Capt. Thomas Walker was raised in and around Albemarle County, Va. Capt. John Damron's son, John, Jr. was b. in Virginia 1791, and his son Moses is shown in the Texas census as born in Virginia, 1799, so we know he did not leave Virginia until after that date.

7. John Dameron d. Albemarle Co., Va. 1757, leaving inventory only, which was signed by Benjamin Damrel (the same name as Dameron), Amber Porter, Nicholas (John), Glover Davenport, no Nov. 1757. John's land grant in 1748, was on both sides of Woodson'd Creek of Hardware River at Benjamin Woodson's corner and adjoining Richard Dameron. Hence tracing the Benjamin Woodson deeds would show the heirs to the adjoining Dameron lands formerly belonging to John and Richard.

(1) Charles Dameron was son of John, as proved by the fact that he sold his land grant. Book 7, p. 3, Albemarle Deeds, 22 Oct. 1776, deed between Charles Damron and Robert Lilly for 32 pds. 10 shillings sold to Lilly 200 acres in Albemarle County, on branch of Woodson's Creek on Richard Dameron's line . In presence of the Staples, Henry Wood, Wm. Rogers, Hugh Rice Morris. Charles' mother was probably a Morris. Book 7, p. 4, shows power of attorney by Charles Damron to Hugh Rice Morris dated 27 Oct. 1776, appointing his trusty friend and loving uncle Hugh Rice Morris his lawful atty. to deal with the Lilly land transaction. (Mary Morris was witness on Richard Dameron's will.) Charles Dameron m. Polly Mays (Moise) May 19, 1789, Richmond County, Ga. with Peter Culbreath, security, Wm. and Sarah Gardner, witnesses. (DAR Hist. Coll. Ga.) Charles was in the 2d Va. Regt. 1779 to 1786. (See chapter on the Revolution.)

However in 1750 John Damron also bought 300 acres from Jno. Wheeler 13 Oct. 1750, 7 pds. money, 374 acres situated on Huff's Creek, witness George Dameron. Now who inherited this land? Ownership would show other heirs of John Damron.

8. Perhaps Benjamin Damrel, who signed the inventory of John Dameron 1757 in Albemarle County, Va.

IV. GEORGE DAMERON or Damerell, as it was spelled sometimes, son of Lazarus Dameron and Elizabeth Smith of Northumberland County, Va. and Albemarle County, Va. He apparently married Anne Thone or Tuone, as it was not readable in the following reference in Albemarle Co., Va. 1749,Nov. 14. Indenture between Geo. Damron of St. Anns Parish and James Peter, 147 acres of land granted to Geo. Damron by patent bearing date Dec. 1748, in Albemarle Co., on south side Fluvanna River. George appeared in court with wife Anne Thone Dameron who relinquished her right of dower to estate conveyed to James Peter. (Page 137, Book 1.)

George Dameron had land on both sides of the upper James River (then called the Fluvanna), and in 1755 had a patent on Hardware River and Briery Creek in Albemarle, 400 acres next to Hugh Morris. The Virginia Land Grants from George II, p. 657, show a patent to George Dameron from George II for 400 acres for 40 shillings (p.2.) This is in "Albemarle on the north side of Hardware River and on Briery Creek and bounded as followeth to wit: Beg. at a Spanish oak comer of Hugh Morris'sand with his line north two degrees west 88 poles to Briery Creek, the same course continued on a new line." Signed by Robt. Dinwiddie, Lt. Com. of Col.,Williamsburg, Sept. 10, 1755. An earlier patent, p. 38, was given to "George Dameril," by George II for 15 shillings of "1407 acres Ct. of Albemarle on the south side of the Fluvanna and bounded as followeth: 'Beginning at Michael Thomas' white oak corner running thence on his line NW 15°, 192 poles to a live oak on the river thence up the river a new line NW 82° 54 poles to Major Howard's white oak corner thence along his line SW 8° 81 poles, etc. . . including all mines and quarries and water courses . . . as of our Mannor of E. Greenwich in the County of Kent, pay fee of 1 shilling a year. Dec. 1, 1748. (signed) William Gooch,Baronet."

Also in 1767, 8 Aug. (Book 4, p. 421), between George Damron of Buckingham Co., Va. and Geo. Hilton for 50 lb. George granted 300 acres in Albemarle Co., Va.

In 1761 George Dameron's land south of the river was cut off into Buckingham County when it was formed and in 1784 we find George Dameron on the Buckingham tax lists with Michael Dameron. In 1860 Robert B. Damron bought land from Turner in Buckingham.

The Hardware River region was cut off into Fluvanna County in 1777, while Amherst County was formedfrom Albemarle, 1761, and Nelson from Amherst 1808. The Damerons of all these counties appear to be descended from the Albemarle Damerons. St. Ann's Parish may have been on both sides of the river, but we know it was on the south side of James River as in1750 Noble Ladd sold to Peter Jefferson a plantation "situated in St. Ann's Parish South side of James River." This was the father of Anna Ladd who married Capt. John Damron, and Peter Jefferson was the father of President Thomas Jefferson, who inheritedhis father's estates in Albemarle, etc.

The children of George Dameron were the following:

1. Michael, taxed in Buckingham 1784, with George Dameron. Fluvanna Deeds show Michael Dameron deeding land to Branson Laking,1793-1801, Deed Book 3, p. 364.

(1) Page Dameron was on the Buckingham Tax List 1798-1803,and his name was listed in the "Notes from the Family Bible of John W. Carter," by Gladys M. Bloyd, 513 7th Street, Moundsville, W. Va., giving the wife of John W. Carter, 1778-1861, as Mary Smith Dameron, descended from Lazarus, but Moses is listed as 4th generation, so he seems to have been considered her ancestor, not George.

(2) Dunmore Dameron m. Patsey Cox, dau. of George, July 26, 1798, bond John Davis. (Marriage Bonds of Fluvanna, Va. prior to 1801, by the Misses Curry.

There is a Buckingham Will for John Dameron 1879, son, John B., daughters Margarett, Nancy, Mary, Martha. In 1919 is will of James Damron, wife Clementine C.

2. Daniel Dameron is perhaps another son. "A Muster Roll of Capt. Jordan Cabell Comp^y of 6th Virginia Regiment of Foot in the United States of America under the command of Lieutenant Col^o James Hendricks for the month of May and June, 1777," shows "No. 26. John Welch--supplied the place of Daniel Damron," p. 15, L. H. Sweeney's Amherst County, Virginia, in the Revolution.

3. George Dameron, with the famous Morgan's Riflemen in the Revolution. The same reference as above to Cabell's company gives for July, 1777: "George Damron, Private, July 1, for 1 month, rate 6 2/3d dollars, amount of pay 2. 10,"William More, same information. (William More's name is always next to that of George Dameron on the pay rolls.) In December, 1775, George was in"Capt. Benjamin Taliaferro's Comp^y of Detached Riflemen commanded by Col^o Danl Morgan." George was listed by Taliaferro as "private, discharged 14th Feby, 29 days, dollars per mo. 6 2/3, whole pay in dollars 6 40/72." This was in 1778.

Amherst County, Va. Deeds 1761-1865 has: 1788 George Dameron, deed to Alex Chesnall, Book F, p. 335; 1786, George Dameron, deed from Moses Ray and wife, Book F, p. 75.

George Damron m. Polly Magan, Dec. 4, 1819, security Jos. McGhan, Beverley Davies, p. 258. George is in the bond but at the end the name is "Charles Dameron." George looks to be a son of George the soldier.

4. William Dameron looks to be another son of George. Amherst County, Va. deeds show:

1791 William Dameron deed to Wm. Mickle, Book G, p. 15.
1790 William Dameron from Jacob Pettijohn, Book F, p. 535.
1793 William Dameron from Joseph Crews, Jr. Book G, p. 283.
1795 William Dameron from Madison Hill, Book H, p. 563.

Amherst County Marriages show the marriage of William Dameron, bachelor, 1787, to Susanna Lee, widow, witness Joshua Skelton, Job Taliaferro, George Lee, Joseph Dawson (p. 35.) She might have been a second wife. Mar. 23, 1786, Sweeney gives.

The Deeds of Amherst also show: 1804 Dunmore Dameron to John Matthews, Sr. Book K, p.109, also in1800 Dunmore Dameron deeded to John Matthews, Sr. Book 1, p. 107. Charles Damron deeded to Wm. Camden, 1778. Dunmore Dameron buys land, 100 acres north side of Anne Laugh Creek. In 1796 Wm. and wife, Susannah Dameron, sell land.

W. M. Sweeney's Marriage Bonds and Other Marriage Records of Amherst County, Va. has on p. 60, Wilson Penn and Frances Taliaferro, married 1796, certificate by the Rev. William Dameron, Sept. 12, and other items by Rev. Dameron for 1794 etc. S weeney's Amherst in the Revolution, p. 148, says Austin Knight m. Elizabeth Ham, and they "were married in Amherst Co., Va. Feb. 24, 1789, by Rev. Dameron."

5. Charles Dameron looks to be a son of George Dameron. He was in the Nelson County, Va. census in 1810, which is next to Albemarle, where I also found William and John Q. Dameron. The Index to Nelson County marriages show these Damerons: Abby, Drury C., James T., William C., John, Nicholas B., William, William D. Also in Nelson John J. Dameron b. about 1836 m. Sarah F. Townsend b. about 1839.

6. Perhaps others. There was a "Sam'l Damron married Elizabeth Thomas 18 July, 1835, security Henry P. Irving," p. 46, Marriage Bonds of Cumberland Co., by J.D. Eggleston. This looks to be of the Buckingham branch. The Ligon Genealogy, p. 433, shows a Sarah Dameron 1797 on a deed in Charlotte County, Va. selling a tract of land with Robt. Ligon, Carrington, Etc. This looks like a land speculation deal, and she appears to be a widow inheriting a good deal of property. John Damron b. 1757 looks to be a son of George also, but could be of one of his brothers.

V. MICHAEL DAMERON, of Buckingham County, Va., son of George Dameron. In the Buckingham Surveyor's Platt Book, 1762, the first year, p. 42, has Michael Dameron having surveyed "312 acres on the S. Fork of Holman's Creek, line of Wm. C. Ballow, 13 Dec. 1782." There were also here Colemans, Cloptons and John Radford. (Pp. 57, 76, 87. Mariam Cropper found an item in Halifax County, N.C. records where Michael Damron (or Darmoon), in script difficult to read, of Edgecomb County, sold to Braswell Bridges of Halifax Co. 126 acres on Deep Creek, 16 Jan. 1765, p 231, Book 11.

1. Page Dameron of Buckingham may have had a daughter named Mary Smith Dameron b. 1788, d. 1868, of Nelson County, Va., for the reason that Page Dameron (Carter?), her son, was given this name, unless this is a garbled note, for it is not clear whether it refers to Page Dameron or Page Dameron Carter, but in any case the name is connected with the Carters, as shown on p. 45, II:

John W. Carter m. Mary Smith Dameron 10-21-1805, children:

Henry Tapscott Carter m. Martha Emerson 2-10-1836, b. 3-18-1807, b. Nelson Co., Va. (?) married in Albemarle Co., Va. Died 8-10-1885.
Lucy b. 6-6-1809 m. Lewis Ferrell 9-25-1843, d 3-19-1852.
Thomas E. m. Marthy Kidd 1-20-1834, b. 8-28-1811.
Elizabeth R. m. Alfred Willoughby 10-21-1831.
John W. m. Martha Cosby 10-16-1839.
Page Dameron m. Mary Anne Perry, date not given, b. 8-11-1824.

2. Dunmore Dameron in 1800 deeded land to John Matthews, Sr. in Amherst, and also in 1804. Dunmore Dameron bought land, 100 acres, on the north side of Anne Laugh Creek, Amherst. (Note: Lord Dunmore was Governor of Virginia, and perhaps this name came from one of his descendants.) The following notes give details:

Book I, p. 107, Amherst County, Va. Deeds."John Mathews and Mary his wife sell to Dunmore Damron consideration 100 lbs. current money of Virginia, land in Amherst County on the north side of the Anne Laugh Creek, 100 acres more or less."

(1) Polly Damron appears to be a daughter of Dunmore as he was bondsman when she married Joseph Thomas, 1836, Nelson County, Va. Marriage Register.

(2) Perhaps Littlepage Dameron, bondsman in 1826, for the marriage of Elizabeth Dameron and Phillip Thurmond, Nelson Co., Va.

(3) Perhaps Leland Dameron, bondsman, for the marriage of Nancy C. Dameron and Isaac Newton, 1839, Nelson Co., Va. Leland m. Susanna Powell, 1836.

Other Nelson County, Va. Marriage Register items for Dameron are: Abby Ann Dameron and Wm. S. Witt, 1835; Elizabeth and Abram E. Chandler, 1823; Elvira J. and John Drumhiller, 1847; July A.S. and George Calahan, 1858; Lucy T. and Wm. Johnson 1822, Wm. R. Damron, bondsman; Martha F. and James Drumheller,1843; Sarah Ann and Jacob B. Farrer, 1846, Samuel Damron, bondsman; Sophia and Thomas Glass, 12 Mar. 1810; Etc. In the Index to Marriages of Nelson Co., Va. I also found these Damerons: Abby, 65, Drury C., 19, James T., 25, William C., 84, 98; John, 36, Nicholas B., 91, William, 21, 28; William D. 74. Also John J. Dameron b. about 1836 m. Sarah F. Townsend b. about 1839, according to the J.W. Damron records. Mariam Cropper checked Nelson County, Va. marriages in the Register and found: Drury C. Dameron and Charlot D. Martin, 1824; Ezra and Roxanna Loving 1863; James T. and Martha S.W. Thurmond, 1828; John and Lucy Peyton, 1837; John Q. and Sarah F. Townsend, 1858; John O. and Sarah E. Loving 1865; Leland and Susanna Powell, 1836; Uriah A. and Martha M. Newton, 1858; Wm. and Sarah Ann Harding, 1825; Wm. and Hannah M. Griffin, 1831; Wm. D. and Lucy S. Welch, 1859; Zacharias L. and Belinda Loving, 1859.

THE DAMERONS OF AMHERST COUNTY, VIRGINIA

V. WILLIAM DAMERON m. Susanna Lee, widow, Mar. 23, 1786, security Joshua Shelton. Amherst County, Va. Deeds show the following: (He was a minister.)

5 Sept. 1791, Wm. Damron of the county of Amherst sells to Wm. Mickle of Campbell County, consideration 200 lbs. current money of Virginia, land in Amherst County on Harrises Creek,it being a piece of land purchased by Pearce Wade of Wm. Staton and sold by said Wade to Wm. Damron, 214 acres. (p. 15, Book G.)

Indenture between Joseph Crews and Wm. Damrin, both of Amherst County, consideration 40 lbs. current money of Virginia. Crews sells to Damron land in Amherst on Lynches Road, 60 acres patented by Crews 14 Sept. 1793. Witnesses: Daniel Mahone, Nathaniel Guttry, Nehemiah Royce. (P. 283, Book G.)

Wm. Damron and Susannah his wife sell toThomas Anderson, consideration 40 lbs. 56 acres in Amherst County on Harris Creek. 29 Mar. 1796. Signed by Wm. and Susannah Damron. Witnesses: Charles Christain, Noel X Blinkenship, John Carter, Daniel Mahone, Thomas Colman, and Joseph Wilson.

The Index to Amherst County Marriages has the following Damerons: Lucy, Desmon, Wiatt, E. P., Elizabeth, George H., James T., L., Lucy T., Mary J., Patsy, Sally, Susanna, and others. One item is John Dameron m. Phoebe Goodrich, 1813, Feb. 15, Edmund Goodrich, father, witnesses Thomas Goodrich and Gideon Goodrich, p. 234. I also noted that Rev. Wm. Dameron married Wm. Morris, bachelor, of Bedford, and Christian Simons, spinster, Apr. 30, 1793.

In the 1840 census for Amherst County, I found: Mary E. Damron, p. 219, with 1 person under 10, 2 males under 15; and Drury C. Damron, p. 230. Drury C. Damron m. Charlot D. Martin 1824, Nelson County, Va.

There was also a Col. Dameron on p. 54 of Sweeney's Amherst in the Revolution, but I have not any idea who he could be unless it were Capt. John Damron b. 1757. Henry McLain of Nelson Co., va. enlisted from Amherst, and fought at Camden when he said: "Col. Dameron, who had lost his hat, told them to escape the best way they could, which they did and set off in great confusion."

The children of above William appear to be:

1. Drury C. Dameron m. Charlot D. Martin 1824, in Nelson County, Va. He is on the Amherst census for 1840. His mother or grandmother must have been of the Drury family to account for the use of the name Drury.

2. John Dameron, m. Phoebe Goodrich, Feb. 15, 1813, Amherst Co., Va.

3. William Dameron, Jr. There was a William in the 1810 census Nelson Co., Va. A William m. Sarah Ann Harding 1825 in Nelson.

Annabel Walker sent me a letter from Charles Franklin Dameron, The Daily Times Herald, Herald Square, Dallas 2, Texas, and noted: "Whenever I see the name Dameron in the paper I write to them. This is how it happened. In the evening paper it told about Frank Dameron, a reporter in Dallas, Texas, attending a court sale of real estate. In fun he bid $30 for a piece of property, a dilapidated old 3-room house, no one else bid, so he got it. The joke was on him. He said all he needed was $3,000 to repair it. So I wrote him a letter and he replied immediately. I also told him to hang on to the house as there might be oil on the land. Now doesn't his ancestry sound like Rediford Dameron's big family of boys, only Frank has it twelve boys?" The letter from Dallas Oct. 29, 1953 said:

"I have always believed the Damerons, or Damrons, were all the same clan earlier... My father is Frank Dameron (William Frank), son of (I believe) Charles Dameron of Elam County, Va. Dad's father was one of some eight brothers, most of whom migrated at one time or another, some staying, some returning to Virginia. One of the brothers, Cliff, is now quite elderly, a rancher at Del Rio. Another Mallechi, has been dead many years, but his widow lives in Del Rio. Ernest Dameron, another brother, came to Texas and settled around the Red River area, but I have never seen any of his progeny. Bob Dameron, again another brother, came to Texas at the turn of the century then later started the trek back. He passed through the Fayetteville, Ark. region, spotted a fine place with apple trees and settled there, raised a big family and died a few years ago at age 76. Hubert Dameron also came to Texas but went back to Lynchburg, Va. He was killed as a pedestrian on the streets of Lynchburg several years ago. Many of the Damerons settled around San Angelo originally.

"This doesn't account for all of them, but I am extremely fuzzy about my forebears. One Dameron--Tom, I believe--ran away from home as a child and grew up on the famed King Ranch. He even adopted the name King. I have a blind aunt, Alpha, who knows as much about the Damerons as anyone I've talked to. She is also elderly now and lives in a home in Virginia. But, back in the 30's, she once told me that the Dameron clan originated in this country when twelve brothers left England and came to Virginia, presumably about the time of Jamestown... To recapitulate: Our family of Damerons originated around Amherst and Lynchburg. None ever became really wealthy. Some were schoolteachers, most of them farmers and later ranchers. Dad is brunette, but most of his relatives have a somewhat Celtic look remindful of the profiles of many Welsh I met in England in World War II. (Signed) Charles Franklin Dameron."

Ruth Dorius found further Texas information in the 1850 census, Collin County:

	Age			
"Moses Damron	50	$47 Real Estate	Where born,	Va.
P. Damron (Male)	27			Tenn.
Susanna Damron	44			Tenn.
Jno. McClain	19			Tenn.
Wm. Y. Damron	16			Tenn.
Geo.	11			Mo.
Moses	9			Mo.
Sarah	6			Mo.
Mark	2			Texas.

His neighbors were Hiram Warren and Josiah Nickols etc. The above is the son of Capt. John Damron and Anna Ladd b. 1799 in Virginia, as he says above. This proves they did not leave before this date.

THE FAMILY OF GEORGE DAMRON AND SUSANAH THOMAS

V. GEORGE DAMERON (Lawrence[1], George[2], Lazarus[3], George[4]), was the son of George Dameron of Albemarle and Buckingham Counties, Va., and grandson of Lazarus Dameron of Albemarle. George's wife was Ann Thone or Tuone, as the name was unreadable in the records. George Dameron[5] was in the most famous unit of the Revolutionary army, Morgan's Riflemen. He is shown on the pay rolls from Julyl, 1777, to Feb. 14, 1778, when he was discharged by Capt. Benjamin Taliaferro. (See The Damerons in the Revolution, Part II.) The story of his regiment is told in L.H. Sweeney's book Amherst County, Virginia, in the Revolution.

The Deeds of Amherst County, Va. 1761-1865, show a deed to George Dameron from Moses Ray and wife, Book F, p. 75, and in 1788 George Dameron made a deed to Alex Chesnall, Book F, p. 235. The deed from Ray was in 1786. He appears to have moved away after the sale of the land in 1788, and may have gone to North Carolina for a time as the 1850 census, as sent to me by Maxim Coppage, lists "Samuel Dameron, age 51, b. N.C. m. Nancy, children: Wilson M. 22, Elzy, 20, Lucy A. 18, Sanderson, 16, Mary, 15, Judith, 14, John, 11, Sarah A., 9, Nancy J., 8, Samuel, Jr., 7, Anne, 5, Martha S. 4, George 3." This is the census for Adair County, Ky. and Maxim Coppage also sent the following from the 1860, census: "JamesS. Damerón of Adair County, Ky. age 60, m. Sarah A. _____, children: Elzey, 33, Sanderson, 31,John S., 25, George M. 22, Elizabeth, 19, Judith Winnefred, 89, Ky?"

The research on this family was done by Ruth Burdette, of Columbia, Ky. in Adair County, who wrote: "George Damron mar. Susanah Thomas, daughter of John and Ann Thomas. He died before 1797 when she, Susanah, mar. in Lincoln Co., Ky. John Peter Bondurant and they came to Adair Co., then GreenCo., to live on Casey's Creek. The people who settled this community were practicallyall from Buckingham and Amherst Counties, Va. The children of George and Susanah were thought to have been Mickey, Wilson, George W., John T., Robert T., Samuel and Joseph. All of these are known to have been their children."

Ruth Damron Dorius sent a note from the Green County,Ky. Records. Order Book 2, Sept. 15, 1801, Inventory of estate of George Damron, dec'd. She also sent a note that George Damorel is on the 1810 census of Green County, Ky. (The name Dameron was usually spelled Damarel in Albemarle by the family of Lazarus.)

Susanah Thomas was married three times. "Those Thomasss came from Buckingham County, Va. I am sure," Mrs. Burdette wrote.

Lincoln County, Ky. Marriage Bonds: John Peter Bondurant and Susanah Damron, widow of George Damron and daughter of John Thomas, Sr., and Ann Thomas. Sept. 28, 1797.

Adair County, Ky. Marriage Bonds: Campbell Goode and Susana Bondurant, Aug. 13, 1813. Then Adair Co., Deed Book E, p. 264: Oct. 26, 1819, Campbell Goode of Adair Co. relinquishes all right in estate of John P. Bondurant decd. by virtue of his marriage to Susana Bondurant, to the heirs of Geo. Damron decd., towit, the children of said Susana, Robert Damron excepted.

Adair Co. Will Book A, p. 224: Will of John P. Bondurant. Legatees--wife Susan all property and at her death to be divided between Wm. Bondurant and Samuel Damron, Nov. 11, 1807. Executors, Susan Bondurant and Richard Gentry. Witnesses Robert T. Damron, George W. Damron, John T. Damron.

Adair County, Ky. Will Book A, p. 113, 7-6-1807: Will of J.D. Thomas. Legatees--children, Harding, Robert, John, Thomas, Wm. Cabbel Bellew, Ann Thomas, Susan Bundren, Lucy Swinney, Nancy Helm, Sarah Winfrey.

(Note by H.F.S. Winefred Dameron, dau. of Lazarus, m. John Thomas and had a son Charles, mentioned in her father's will as his grandson. John Thomas was executor of the will in 1749 in Albemarle with John Dameron, and witnesses listed were John Thomas and John Thomas, Jr. John Thomas, Jr. was probably the father of Susanah's father.) See p. 23 of Part One.

Green County, Ky. Records, Deed Book 2, p. 49, March 19, 1799: Whereas my wife Patty Bondurant died in the year 1794, entitled on the death of her mother, Martha Walton, to one seventh part of residue of estate of Thomas Walton, dec'd agreeable to his last will, dated Aug. 26, 1771, consisting of negors and personal chattels, whereas, I, John P. Bondurant, of Green Co., Ky. had by her two children, Wm. and George Bondurant, so I hereby relinquish all my claim to such children.

Mrs. Burdette wrote: "It seems sure that this George Damron was the one listed in the Amherst records in Buckingham district in the Revolution."

The children listed by Mrs. Burdette are as follows of George Damron and Susanah Thomas: (The order of birth is not known.)

1. George Damron m. Polly Mourning, 2-23-1809 (Green County, Ky. Marriage bonds.) George W. Damron and Mary, his wife, of McDonough County, Ill. gave Power of Attorney to Samuel Damron of Adair County, Ky. to convey to Thos. J. Bricken three tracts of land in Adair Co. on Green River. There are no records in Adair County about his family. No more is known about this family. (Polly was dau. of Roger Mourning.)

2. John T. Damron married Sally Winneford, 1-20-1814 (Adair Co., Ky. Marriage Bonds). He reared a family here and some of his family are known. He married second, late in life, Emily Hardin, and she received a pension for his service in 1812. He m. Emily J. Hardin Dec. 12, 1857, Adair Co.,Ky. and had one son, name unknown. Judith Winneford was a pensioner and died March 31, 1854. (Adair Co., Order Book H, p. 493. Page 508 shows Judith Winneford was the widow of David Winneford, Sgt. pensioner. Children living, Sarah Ann Damron, wife of John T. Damron, Jeffry and David Winneford. John T. Damron was Justice of the Peace, 1855, H-538, Adair Co., Ky. Order Books. In Eckenrode, List of Pensioners, p. 388, lists in Adair Co., Ky. Emily J. Damron, Cert. 31,292, of Columbia, Ky., widow, 1812, monthly rate $8. She got her original allowance in March, 1881. Nell Pearce wrote: "John T. Damron . . . or possibly a Jr., was right with our John in Ills. 1818-20, etc.... I have a letter from a Damron in or near Chicago. She said: 'I believe your John T. Damron, 1821, Kentucky, was an older brother of my grandfather Samuel Damron, etc." (See p. 10, Part III.) Mrs. Geo. Winneford Hancock is a descendant.

3. Robert T. Damron married Susannah Thomas, dau. of Hardin (first cousins), 2-20-1808, Adair Co., Ky. There is only one marriage of a child that is known to be the child of Robert T. Damron: Sinderila Damron, dau. Robert T., married Thomas Bricken, Aug. 25, 1832, Adair Co., Ky.

4. Mickey, daughter, m. Richard Gentry, 7-21-1802, Adair Co., Ky.

5. Samuel m. Nancy Wilkerson, dau. Judith Hardin, 12-28-1822.

6. Joseph, dec'd F-119, Oct. 5, 1835, James Burk, adm. Adair Co., Order Books. Joseph Damron died early and left three infant heirs but there is no record of them.

7. Wilson m. Sarah McClain, dau. Charles McClain, "son of Geo. Damron, decd. Robt. Thomas gdn. Mar. 14, 1800, Green Co., Ky. Nothing more is known of Wilson."

SAMUEL DAMERON AND NANCY WILKERSON

VI. SAMUEL DAMERON m. Nancy Wilkerson, dau. Judith Hardin, 12-28-1822, Adair County, Ky. Marriage Bonds. Samuel Damron reared his family here and left records of all of them in the settlement of his estate, selling of his land etc. Deed Book V. 208, Apr. 29, 1869. "Nancy Damron, widow of Samuel Damron, decd., R.W. Damron and Amanda his wife, Logan S. McWhorter and Nancy J. his wife, Samuel G. Banks, and Sarah A., his wife, John S. Damron and Sarah E., George Damron and Mary T., his wife, Sanderson Damron, Mary Damron, Martha S. Damron, of Adair Co., Ky., R. L. Reynolds and Lucy A., his wife of Boyle Co., Logan Rector and Judith his wife of Casey Co., Ky. children and heirs-at-law of the said Samuel Damron decd., convey to Elsey and Samuel Damron, also heirs and children, for $3,500. land deeded to the decd. by John T. Damron and wife and from Geo. W. Damron and wife." This land was on Green River.

Samuel Damron was Tax Commissioner 1821, D-157, Adair County, Ky. Order Books of the County Court, and George Damron was Tax Commissioner 1821, D-269. Samuel Damron was recommended for Justice of the Peace 1829-E 213. F-405, ibid, shows Samuel Damron appointed guardian to Marion, Moses and Margaret Damron, infant heirs of Joseph Damron, decd., bond $600. Elsey Damron was Justice of the Peace 1871,L-306.

Judith Wilkerson married Joseph Hardin 9-30-1817, Adair County, Ky. and Will Book A-170, gives the will of Jemimah Wilkerson, Sept. 7, 1808, legatees: grandson Robert Wilkerson, son of my only son, Barnett Wilkerson, grand-daughter Nancy Wilkerson, daughter-in-law Judith Wilkerson. (Note by H.F.S. The Hardin family are the Harding family from the Northern Neck in Virginia, and their genealogy is now being done by Jennie Harding Cornelius, Heathsville, Va. and published by the Virginia State Library.) Judith Wilkerson Hardin had a third husband Thomas Edrington whom she married 6-14-1848 in Adair Co. and her Will in Will Book G-17, March 17, 1856, bequeaths to Syrena Hardin $35, the rest to daughters Nancy, wife of Samuel Damron, and Sarah A., wife of Hamilton Winfrey. Page 18 of the same book: Thos. Edrington relinquishes all claim to the estate of Judith Edrington to Cyrena Hardin, child of her deceased son Logan Hardin and her daughters Nancy Damron and Sarah Ann Winfrey. The 1850 census, Adair Co., Ky. shows in the 2nd district 423: Thomas Edrington, age 73, b. Va. and Judth Edrington, age 65, b. Va. Logan Hardin married Emily Jane Winfrey 12-25-1839, Adair Co. and Hamilton T. Winfrey m. Sarah A. Hardin, dau. of Joseph, 2-23-1841.

Robert Wilkerson decd. with Samuel Damron, Administrator, is in Adair Co. Order Book D, 388, 1823, and Order Book G, p. 238, in 1845, lists Joseph Hardin, decd., Judith, widow, adm.

The children of Samuel Damron and Nancy Wilkerson, daughter of Judith and _____ Wilkerson, were the following, order of birth not known:

1. Robert Damron m. Amanda F. Smith, 12-28-1848, Adair Co., Ky.Marriage Bonds.

2. Wilson N. Damron had the only Damron will in Adair County, Ky. and there was none in Green County, either. Will Book F-310: All estate to brothers and sisters. He leaves their parents to their care. Execs. Robert W. Damron and Elsey Damron. Dated Oct. 10, 1853, probated Sept. 3, 1854. Wilson Damron and Sarah McClain,dau. Charles McClain, were m. 1800 in Green Co. and I do not see any proof that Wilson N. was not their son instead of Samuel Damron, but Mrs. Burdette has Wilson N. Damron as "son of Samuel." The 1850 census lists Wilson M. age 22, Elzy, 20 etc. as children, according to Maxim Coppage, but the census does not specify children and I am wondering if Wilson might not be listed as a dependent, perhaps living with his uncle, and was merely assumed to be a child by Maxim Coppage.

3. Elsey Damron, son of Samuel and Nancy Damron. "Elzy Damron and Permelia J. Jones 8-19-1862," Adair Co., Ky. Marriage Bonds. "My father died in 1919 at the age of 87, and Uncle Sam died in 2 or 3 years after father, in Linchorin Co., Ky. He left three sons and these two daughters I have mentioned above. Of my father's children there were four of us, my brother Asure Damron and myself. He lives near me. He is 78 and I am 81 young. My husband died in 1940 at the age of 79. My brother's wife died 25 yrs. ago. They had two girls but both are dead. We have one nephew of our oldest sister and one niece of the other sister. One sister died in 1932 and the other in 1933." Quoted from Mrs. L.T. Neat, Columbia, Ky.1953. Her name was Mary Damron, and she had no children.

Mrs. Burdette wrote: "There are some of the Damron descendants here now... They are all people of good minds and much personal charm. Several of thewomen were andare great beauties. Many of them are red heads, others black-headed. They are fine people, full of magnetism." On Jan. 7, 1954, she wrote: "There are several people here now who are part Damron but I do not know any of the name. However, I hear there are one or two still in the old neighborhood up on Green River. Mrs. Neet's sister, Mrs. Frazier, who was one of the beauties died some time ago. One of her daughters died and the other, Mrs. Dorothy Mitchell,has no children. She comes here to see Mrs. Neet sometimes. She is a very handsome woman. Mrs. Young, Mrs. Neet's other sister, died and has one son living here who has two little girls... Then I have a friend, the one for whom I had done the research on the Damron family, who is descended from Robert Damron, son of Samuel and Nancy. She is Mrs. S.B. Willock of Campbellsville. She is a very fine person and will be interested when I show her the book. She has done so many nice things for me."

The children of Elsey Damron and Permelia J. Jones were:

(1.)"Lou Ellen Damron, dau. Elzy Damron, and James H. Young, married May 10, 1883," Marriage Bonds. They had one son who resides in Columbia, Ky. and has 2 ch. Their children were Jack, Elsey, Enna, Dorthea.

(2."Annie L. Damron, dau. Elzy, married W.E. Frazer, Nov. 25, 1886," Marriage Bonds. Her daughter Dorothy m. _____ Mitchell, and lives in Virginia.

(3.)Asure Damron, lives in or near Columbia, Ky.

(4.)Mary Damron, m. L. T. Neet or Neat, and lived in Columbia, Ky. in 1954.

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4. Lucy A. Damron is listed as age 18 in the 1850 census. "Lucy Ann Damron and Robert L. Reynolds 12-60-1850," Marriage Bonds. She was apparently the oldest daughter of Samuel and Nancy Damron. In 1869 they were in Boyle Co. Ch.: Bell, Andrew, Mary and Nancy.

5. Sanderson. "Sandy never married and was buried in our grandfather Damron's burying ground on the farm." He was age 16 on the 1850 census of Adair Co., Ky.

6. Mary, age 15 on the 1850 census. "Mary and Sanderson never married," Mrs. Burdette wrote.

7. Judith, age 14 on the 1850 census. She m. S.L. Rector, 2-3-1862, Adair Co. They lived in Casey Co., Ky. in 1869. Ch. Sam, Will, Lucy (Good), Sue (Taylor.)

8. John age 11 on 1850 census. "John S.'s marriage not on record Adair Co." His wife is listed as Sarah E. Damron in 1869, Deed Book V. p. 208. "John D. went to Texas and died there," Mrs. Neet stated. (Note: the 1870 census, Bell Co., Tex. lists: Damron, J.N., age 49, farmer, $3,000; b. Ky.; Berrilla, 43, b.Ky.; Sarah 23 b. Ky., Julia 21, b. Ky.; Amarilla 14 b. Texas; Richard 9, b. Tex., Abigale, 8, Anna 4."See p. 47-b, Part II.) This,therefore, is the"John N. Damron and Berilla Dority 3-6-1843," Marriage Bond, Adair Co., Ky.

9. Sarah A. age 9 in 1850 census She m. Samuel G. Banks, March 7, 1862, Marriage Bonds, Adair Co.

10. Nancy J., age 8 in 1850 census m. Logan S. McWhorter, in Oct. 1864, see Marriage Bonds, Adair Co. On 12-6-1871 Nancy J. McWhorter m. John W. Duvall (Durvall.)

11. "Samuel F. Damron, age 35, b. Adair Co., father b. N.C. mother b. Adair, and Nanie F. Robinson 28, b. Taylor Co. July 16, 1878," Marriage Bonds, Adair Co. He d. Linchorin Co., Ky. a few years after 1919. His children were:

(1) Mont Damron, living in Casey Co. 1953. Rev. Woodrow Damron is his son.
(2) Julia, living in Louisville, Ky. in 1953.
(3) Owen.
(4) Martha, of Phoenix, Ariz.
(5) Robert.

12. Ann E. Damron, age 5 in 1850 census. This must be Betty "Ann Elizabeth?) Mrs. Neet said "Bettie who died when a young girl, so our father told us."

13. Martha S. Damron, age 4, in 1850 census. Martha Susan m. Albert Hamilton Judd 11-15-1870, Marriage Bonds. Children: Wood, Vic, Sam, Grover, Robt. Eliz. (from Ruth Dorius.)

14. George Damron married Mary Young, March 11, 1869, Marriage Bonds, Adair Co. Ruth Dorius gives Mary F. Young as the name, same reference, and says "George and John both went to Texas;" information from Mrs. Neet, however, says: "George, the youngest boy, went to Oklahoma and died there."

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(Note: Mrs. L.T. Neet wrote in 1953, of the son of Samuel Damron and Nancy Edrington Damron, named Robert: "Don't know anything about Bob Damron but father said he went to Mo. and settled in Sedalia, Mo. and about 3 yrs. ago I rec'd a letter from Mrs. Magnola Major, Sedalia, Mo. telling me she was the only child of Bob Damron living and she and a daughter and 2 sons was all of Bob's children living. I had a letter from her not quite a year ago and said she was 78 yrs. so if she is living now that leaves only 4 of we Damron women living that I know of."

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Ruth Dorius found the following 1850 census records, Adair Co., Ky: Robert W. Damron, age 23, farmer, born Ky., Amanda W. 21, b. Ky., Elizabeth V. 16, b. Ky., George M. 22., b. Ky.

She also found in the 1850 census Adair Co. John S. Damron, age 60, b. Va., Sarah A. 55, b. Va., Elizabeth, 19, b. Ky., Judith Winneford, 89, b. Va. and Ruth Dorius added: "I believe we have this old lady's application for pension, where this John Damron says he knew her in Albemarle County, Va.) As her husband was Sgt. David Winneford, if John knew her in Albemarle, this would prove the family came from there. It seems clear that John S. refers to John T. Damron, as it is easy to misread an S. for a T. in the old script, and this must have been hard to read for we have this: Maxim Coppage in the 1860 census quotes it as "James S. Dameron of Adair County, Ky. age 60, m. Sarah A. ____, children: Elzey, 33, Sanderson, 31, John S., 25, George M. 22, Elizabeth, 19, Judith Winnefred, 89, Ky?" This could be garbled in copying. Also the children of one uncle could be living with another, especially if he were their guardian. It is possible that the places of birth are wrong in census records, too, as the person giving the information may not be sure. However, we have the following data: That John S. (T. I believe) Damron was born in Virginia, 1790, but Samuel was born in North Carolina, probably his brother.

JOHN T. DAMRON, SARAH ANN WINNEFORD AND EMILY J. HARDIN

VI. JOHN T. DAMRON, son of George Dameron and Susannah Thomas, was probably born 1795 in Virginia. In 1814 in Adair Co., Ky. he married Sarah Ann Winneford, b. 1795, in Virginia, dau. of Judith and David Winneford, her brothers being Jeffry and David Winneford. In 1857 he married in Adair Co., Ky. Emily J. Hardin, and by her had one son, name unknown. (This may be John T. Damron of Illinois.) The children of John T. Damron that are known are the following but there may have been others:

1. Martha Damron, dau. John, married George W. Cundiff, Dec. 20, 1830, Adair Co. Children, Sallie, Damron.
2. Elizabeth Damron b. 1831, in Kentucky m. Wm. Renfro, Apr. 1853, Adair Co.

3. George W. Damron (George Winneford) married Elizabeth VanHook Watson, Nov. 6, 1850, Adair Co., Ky. (On 6-23-1864 Geo. W. Damron married Lura A. Batsell, Adair Co., Ky.)

(1) Mollie J. Damron, dau. Geo. W., married Junius Hancock, Dec. 29, 1875, Adair Co., Ky. Their children were: Fred, Wallace, Nat, Betty, Martha, Geo., Henry, Nelle. Mrs. Burdette wrote: "Of the girls descended from John T. Damron who married, insuccession, Judge Junius Hancock, there are a few descendants living, none too interested except a friend of mine, an inlaw, Mrs. George Winneford Hancock, whose husband, theDamron descendant, is dead. She has two daughters."

4. Possibly John T. Damron or John S. Damron. In 1830 in Weakley County, Tenn. census we find John T. Damron 20-30 yrs., with 1 male over 100 years, Samuel, 20-30, John Jr., 30-40 (son of Capt. John b. 1757 in Va.), Constantine L. 20-30 (son of Capt. John); Moses (son of Capt.John), and Charles age 30-40, son of Wilson Damron of Adair Co., Ky. We also find John T. Damron in Williamson Co., Ill. 1840, 6 males.

MICKEY DAMRON AND RICHARD GENTRY OF ADAIR COUNTY, KY.

VI. "MICKEY DAMRON seemed to be the only daughter of George and Susannah. She married Richard Gentry and reared a family here. It is not known whether the marriage of Micky Gentry and Jonas Austin in 1835 was a second marriage for Richard's widow or if it was his daughter's marriage," quoted from Ruth Burdette.

"Richard Gentry and Mickey Damron, dau. of Geo. Damron, decd. and Susanah Bondurant, 7-21-1802," Marriage Bonds. "Jonas Austin and Mikey Gentry 2-3-1835," Marriage Bonds. Richard was the son of Nicholas Gentry, as shown by Deed Book B-256, Adair Co., Ky. July 4, 1809: Henry Gentry and Pinah, Elijah Bowman and Elizabeth, Zachariah Gentry, Richard Gentry, Robert Gentry, Benj. Gentry, Wm. Goudge and Sarah, Alex Hardin and Jane, Charles Cavenser and Mary, Sarah Gentry and Westley Gentry, all heirs of Nicholas Gentry, decd. to Wm. and Davis Moss, 225 acres on Casey's Creek, for $334." The following shows the Gentry marriages: (Adair County; in Kentucky.)

Benj. Gentry and Mimah Simpson, dau. Sarah Simpson 11-28-1806.
Wm. Gouge and Sally Gentry, 4-11-1803, Bondsman, Richard Gentry.
Benj. Gentry and Rachel Philips, dau. James and Nancy Philips, 4-19-1809.
Robert Gentry and Goody Simpson, dau. Sarah and Elijah Simpson, 3-3-1806.
Westley Gentry and Sally Breeding, 6-9-1815.

The Will of Richard Gentry is in Book C-540, 12-6-1830, Adair Co., Ky. It gives property to wife during her widowhood, and mentions eight children, five of whom are single. Some live in Missouri. Executors were friends Mikey Gentry and John Bailey Gentry. Witnesses Johnston Watson and Henry Binghman. Probated Dec. 6, 1830. On p. 753: John B. Gentry, exec. of Richard Gentry, decd. settlement. Laura and James B. Dillingham have received their part. George D. Gentry has received his part. (Note: "Friends" is a term which often referred to a close relative of a child in early manuscripts.) From the above we see that Richard Gentry had the following children:

1. Laura who married James B. Dillingham.
2. George D. who married Mariah Phelps, dau. Mrs. Frances Phelps, 7-10-1834.
3. Six others.----- We know that Susan Gentry was one listed as dau. of Richard when she married George Atkins, 3-30-1824, Adair Co.

The following marriages may show other children of Richard Gentry, Adair Co.

Jonothan Gentry and Betsey McQuery, 1-4-1827.
John Gentry and Rachel Womack, 9-11-1828.

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JOSEPH DAMRON AND MARGARET HARRISON

VI. JOSEPH DAMRON, son of George Damron and Susanah Thomas, married Margaret Harrison, dau. of Wm. Harrison, 6-1-1826, Adair Co., Marriage Bonds. He died in Adair County, Ky. 1835, as James Burk administered his estate, Oct. 5, 1835 (F-119, Adair Co. Order Books.) F-405 shows Samuel Damron appointed guardian to Marion, Moses and Margaret Damron, infant heirs of Joseph Damron, decd. Bond $600." No date given.

WILSON DAMRON AND SARAH MCCLAIN

VI. "WILSON DAMRON and Sarah McClain, dau. Charles McClain, son of Geo. Damron, decd. Robt. Thomas, gdn., Mar. 14, 1800," Green County, Ky. Marriage Bonds, this county being later on named Adair County. Miss Arline Young, Columbia, Ky. has the McClain family Bible of John McClain, Sr. b. Feb. 26, 1776, m. Apr. 17, 1800, to Mary (Polly) Coffey, b. May 5, 1779. This name is also spelled McLane and McLean, etc. There was a famous Revolutionary hero in Pennsylvania named Allen McLane, chief of "McLane's Raiders" which saved the soldiers at Valley Forge by supplying food for them. Mrs. P. T. Chapman's History of Gallatin County, Ill., p. 367 says: "Charles Damron, an old resident of this county, was born in Ky. and his father was Wilson Damron who was a native of Va. Wilson was a scout of Daniel Boone. He later removed to that swction of N.W. territory that made Ill. He was in the employ of a fur company and at one time made explorations into the Yellowstone River country. He spent his last days near Springfield, Mo. The maiden name of his wife was McLane. Charles (the first) came with his parents to this state, and while living in Saline Co. 1818 voted for the adoption of the first constitution. After his marriage to Mary Carson, he removed to Weakly County, Tenn. where he resided until 1832, when he again came to Ill. and settled in the Tunnel Hill township on the farm now owned by John Bonar where he lived until his death in 1878. He was known for his good deeds. The children were J. M.C. (2), Samuel, Norval, James, Mary, Mexico, Jane, Drucilla, Almus." In Franklin County, Ill. 1818, census, we find Wilson Damron with 7 in the house, beside John Damron, Sr. and John Damron, Jr. etc. John Damron, Jr. married Sarah Elizabeth Shultz and she was b. Adair County, Ky. John Damron, Jr. moved to Weakly Co., Tenn. with the other Damrons, and in 1830 in Weakley Co., we find John T. Damron, with one male over 100 years, Samuel, John Jr., Constantine L., Moses, Charles etc.

THE DESCENDANTS OF DUNMORE DAMERON

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, m. Dorothy _____ and was in Northumberland Co., Va. 1652.

II. GEORGE, d. 1698, of Northumberland, m. Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis. He inherited the old Dameron estate at Guarding Point on Chesapeake Bay.

III. LAZARUS d. 1749 in Albemarle Co., Va. m. Elizabeth Smith. He was the first Dameron to sell his inheritance and moved to King George County and Albemarle. His children were: Winifred m. John Thomas; Judith m. Noble Ladd and had daughter Anna who m. Capt. John Damron b. 1757; John d. 1757 and had a son Charles and perhaps one named Al and others; Richard, d.s.p.; Moses, who inherited the estate of Lazarus, and George.

IV. GEORGE, son of Lazarus, who had land in Buckingham and Albemarle. In 1755 he had a patent on Hardware River and Briery Creek in Albemarle, 400 acres next to Hugh Morris, north side of Hardware River. His wife was Anne _____, perhaps Toney or Thany or Thone. (A plot of 150 acres on the south side of the Fluvanna River was surveyed for Bishop Toney May 20, 1747, by Wm. Cabell, surveyor.) The children of George Dameron are not all identified except George and Dunmore's father, Michael.

1. George Dameron, Revolutionary soldier with Morgan's Riflemen. He m. Susannah Thomas, dau. of John and Ann Thomas, and moved to Green Co., Ky., where his inventory was Sept. 15, 1801. His descendants live now in Adair County, Ky. and nearby.

2. Perhaps Daniel Dameron, who had a substitute in Capt. Cabell's Co. 1777.

3. Michael Dameron who was taxed in Buckingham in 1784 with George Dameron.

V. MICHAEL, who deeded land to Branson Laking, 1793-1801, Fluvanna Deed Book 3, p. 364. We do not know all his children but Dunmore was one and perhaps Page or Littlepage Dameron, who was bondsman for Elizabeth Dameron and Phillip Thurmond in 1826 marriage bond, Nelson County, Va. Register. Mary Smith Dameron of Nelson m. John W. Carter and was related to Page Dameron. She was b. 1788.

VI. DUNMORE DAMERON, son of Michael. He m. Patsey Cox, daughter of George, bond dated July 26, 1798, bondsman John Davis. (Marriage Bonds of Fluvanna, Va. prior to 1801, by the Misses Curry.) Dunmore was b. 1773. Alimae Aiken found deeds for him as follows: Dunmore Dameron from John Matthews, 1800, 100 acres north side of Anne Laugh Creek. Dunmore Dameron from Reuben I. Mitchell, 1804, Narrowbone Mountain. Both deeds were in Amherst County, Va. His children were the following:

1. John, who moved to Buckingham County, Va. when young. A John Dameron m. Phebe Goodrich in 1813, Feb. 15, Amherst Co., Va. Also a John m. Lucy Peyton, 1837.

2. Drury C. Dameron, who went to Missouri as a young man. In Nelson Co.,Va. he m. Charlot D. Martin in1824, and he was on the 1840 census for Amherst Co., Va.

3. Zachariah Dameron, who had a son Hiram. Hiram's son Elbert lives at 909 Amherst Avenue, Altavista, Va. He m. his cousin Rosa Dameron, b. near Rockfish Depot, Nelson Co., Va.

4. Samuel, b. 1800, moved to Nelson Co., Va.about 1824. His son Zechariah (Leland) was b. Cumberland County, Va. 1828, and had ch: Rosa m. Elbert Dameron; Ella, age 87 in 1954, when she lived at 601 Park Street, Charlottesville, Va.; John, whose daughter is Betty Bonham, Schuyler, Va.; Mrs. Willie Dabney, Rockfish,Va.

5. Lee. This may be Leland Dameron, bondsman in 1839 for Nancy C. Dameron and Isaac Newton. In 1836 Leland Damron m. Susanna Powell.

6. Perhaps Polly Dameron, as Dunmore Dameron was bondsman in 1836 in Nelson Co., Va. when she m. Joseph Thomas.

Some very valuable research was done by Alimae Aiken of the Madison College for Girls, Harrisonburg, Va. which proved that the father of Dunmore Dameron was Michael, and other important facts as follows:

A letter 2-15-54 from Mrs. Rosa Dameron, 909 Amherst, Altavista, Va. said: "Both our great-great grandfather was Mike Dameron, our great-grandfather was Dunmore Dameron, and Elbert's grandfather was Zachariah Dameron and my, Rosa Dameron's grandfather, was Samuel Dameron. Elbert's father was Zack's son, name Hiram Dameron. My, Rosa's father, was named Zachariah Dameron, son of Samuel Dameron. My, Rosa's, father Zach was born in Cumberland Co., Virginia, in 1828. I, Rosa, have heard my father Zachariah say his father moved to Nelson County when my father was (two) 2 years old. Elbert and I, Rosa, was born in Nelson County near Rockfish Depot, now either of us do not know much about our Dameron origan, so now we know of an aged lady who said she was a Dameron. I will refer you to her. She is Mrs. Mary Dise, 1109 Church Street, Lynchburg, Va. I hope you can get all reference from Mrs. Dise. You can tell Mrs. Dise I gave her name to you. I am yours, (Signed) Mrs. Rosa Dameron Dameron (maiden name Dameron, too). I forgot to mention we know Mrs. Betty Bonham personally. She is Rosa's 3d cousin and Elbert's 1st cousin." Alimae Aiken notes: "This is from the Altavista family mentioned in the letter from Mrs. Betty Bonham of Schuyler, Va. (Nelson Co.)

A note from Mrs. John Andrews Wells (Bertha Cammie Dameron), 708 E. High Street, Charlottesville, Va. says: "My father's full name was Zachariah Leland Dameron. He was born year of 1828. My grandfather's full name was Samuel Dameron. He was born year of 1800. My great-grandfather Dameron's full name was Dunmore Dameron. He was born year of 1773." She did not know the places of birth. The note was sent by Ella Dameron.

Another letter was from Ada N. Dameron, 935 Kellog Avenue, N.W., Roanoke, Va., Feb. 14, 1954: "I found your letter most interesting, and as far as the Dameron generation goes is only what I know through my husband, Wilbur Thomas Dameron, whose father's name was Thomas Benton, and his mother's name (maiden) was Eveline Sargeant. My husband's father had only two children, Wilbur and a daughter named Stella Dameron. She died when she was 34 years old in the year 1906. My husband lived on his father's home place all his life after his father's death. My husband was only 5 years old when his father died in 1873 as I remember. His family was raised and lived in Albemarle County. I don't know who my husband's grandparents were. However, my husband's father had four brothers--James Dameron (Jim) who has lived in Buckingham County a long time. He died in 1928. His widow and family are now living there. Then Robert Dameron (Bob) lived in Lynchburg. He was never married. He died around 1912. Then Monroe Dameron lived on the old Dameron farm (this is part of the farm my husband lived on) near Scottsville. This farm is now owned by Bennie Leap, Scottsville, Va. He recently bought this farm from his father Joe Leap. Then there was John Dameron, the last we heard of him he left to go to Texasto live. There was also two girls--Sally, who was last known as living in Lynchburg, Va. in 1912 and Ellen Dameron. She married a man by the name of Moon. Of this marriage 2 children were born--Lessie Moon and James. Both children are dead now, then Ellen married Robertson and the last time a Jake Tilman. In 1903 she died. As far as the family tree goes back I don't know very much, but I do know James Dameron I spoke of did have an old family Bible and record, and his widow Clemey Baber Damron, and her two sons, Joe & Robert, still live together in Buckingham, and if you wrote them a letter they could probably tell you the name of their father's mother and father (my husband's great grandparents too). Their mailing address is Scottsville, Va. but mark on the envelope Buckingham Co., if not it may go elsewhere. (James Dameron was buried there on his home place.) He was a school teacher.

"Yes, some spell the name Damron with an E in it, but the reason we did this was to keep the mail from getting mixed up as so often the mail went to Dawson's who lived in the same territory. I don't believe the name Damron was derived fromDamron. I know a wonderful lawyer in Charlottesville, Va. named Clinton Wingfield...he would be glad to go with you to the court house and trace back the old Dameron history...

"Yes, the early Damerons did live on Hardware River, also the James River. My son, Gordon, who lives on our old home place, wrote me that you had paid him a visit. Often, I have heard my husband speak of the Ladds.

"I was only 15 years old when I married Wilbur. He was 25. I was Ada Robinson, who all my life lived near his home place. He died in May, 1939. He was the police of Scottsville. I hope to have the pleasure of meeting you some time... If you can dig up any more information,please keep me informed."

Miss Aiken wrote: "Mrs. Ada Dameron is the mother of Gordon Dameron near Scottsville on Hardware River. Mrs. James Dameron (Clemey Baber Dameron) is the lady with whom I talked in Buckingham Co. and she showed me the Lynchburg Dameron's will. She said that she had no other records. I told Mrs. Ada D. that she could trace the owners of the farm back through the deeds...this is why she mentions selling it to Mr. Leap."

A letter from Ella Dameron, 601 Park Street, Charlottesville, Va., of Jan. 27, 1954, said: "The letter which you sent to Mrs. Willie Dabney, Rockfish, has been referred to me. Mrs. Willie Dabney is my sister. She is 91 years old. She lost her eyesight a year or maybe two years ago. She is blind and in bad health. In the first place, none of our immediate family know much about the Damron and Dameron history. Some years ago someone loaned us a brief history of the first Damerons who came over from England and settled in Northumberland County. As near as I remember his name was Lawrence, with his family. After that, as the family descended, they began to move to other places until they reached Albemarle County, Va. Then the history closed. That was just before my great-grandfather's birth in the year of 1773. My great-grandfather's name was Dunmore Dameron. I don't know his birthplace. My great-grandfather had five sons, namely, John, Drury, Samuel, Lee, Zack. His son Drury Dameron immigrated to Missouri in his young manhood. I have heard he married before he left Va. Great-grandfather's son John moved to Buckingham Co., Va. in his young days. I never heard of any correspondence after these two left the home. I suppose these things took place before my father's time. My grandfather was Samuel Dameron. He was born in the year of 1800. My father's name was Zechariah Dameron. He was born in the year 1828. I don't know his birthplace. We never heard of the Damerons and Damrons you wrote about until you mentioned them in your letter. There are Damerons in Lynchburg, Va. also in N.C. and other places, but we don't know their origin. Neither have we seen them. Dameron is the original way to spell Dameron. I am sorry I can't give you more information. My grandfather was a farmer. My father was a bookkeeper, also taught school. I am 87 years old and a 'shut in,' walking just a little bit with 2 canes, afflicted with arthritis and other ailments. Sincerely (Ella Dameron). P.S. Please excuse me for using a pencil in writing. My hand is not very steady. I can't trust pen and ink." The writing is in a good clear hand. Alimae Aiken wrote: "she is from Nelson Co. which has many Damerons.

Alimae Aiken was referred to the above in a letter from Betty Bonham, Schuyler, Va. Jan. 5, 1954: "My father was named John Damron, son of Zeckariah and Frances Thomas Damron, grandfather died in Jan. 91. My mother and father died in ten weeks of each other, when I was 13 years old and I lived with mother's people afterwards. (She was a Noel.) I have seen very few of the Damrons since except Mrs. Ponton's (?) family. She is my first cousin. We have a cousin in Charlottesville, Ella Damron, who might give you a few details, older than I. Write Mrs.W.E.Cookenour, Schuyler, Va...or Elbert Damron, Altavista. He is uncle Hiram 's son."

Ella Dameron wrote to me March 1, 1954: "Dunmore Dameron was my great-grandfather. I think he had five sons and two daughters. I don't know how their ages run. Drury Dameron married Charlotte Martin and immigrated to Missouri. John Dameron went to Buckingham. I don't know who he married. Lee Dameron married Susan Powell. Zechariah Dameron married Frances Thomas. Samuel Dameron (my grandfather) married Elizabeth Thomas. Of that marriage there were born 2 sons and three daughters, namely Martha Frances, Sarah Ann, Elvira Jane. The sons were William Dunmore Dameron, the elder son, Zack Dameron, the younger son was my father, born November the 18, 1828. My father, Zack Dameron, married Belinda Loving January 12, 1860, not 1859, as the genealogy records. My father Zack Dameron was a school teacher and bookkeeper. My father's older brother, William Dunmore Dameron, I think was born the year 1827. He married Lou Welch December 1859. He was a merchant. Of that marriage there was one son, Charles Samuel Dameron born December 19, 1860. Charles' father was called to the Civil War and contracted some kind of disease and died in Richmond, Va. about the year 1862 or '63.

"Martha Frances Dameron, daughter of Samuel Dameron, married James Drumheller. They with their family immigrated to Ohio. I don't know much about them. Of course, the older ones have passed away. Children and maybe grandchildren, too. Sarah Ann Dameron, daughter of Samuel Dameron, married Jacob Farrar. My oldest brother, Thomas Loving Dameron, married Pearl Johnson of Nelson County, Va. He was a depot agent, first at Pence Spring, W. Va., and was transferred from Pence Spring to Alderson, W. Va. where he brought up his family of five girls and one son. John Q. Dameron, son of Zachariah Dameron (son of Dunmore) was married three times. First wife, Sarah Townsend, second wife, Sallie Loving, and third wife, Mahala Noel, who was the mother of Bettie Bonham who lives near Schuyler, Va. My grandfather, Sam Dameron, married Elizabeth Thomas of Fluvanna County, but from the record of the genealogy, the marriage ceremony was performed in Cumberland County. If so, I suppose their three daughters and two sons may have been born in Cumberland County. ... I never knew of a John J. Dameron nor John O. Dameron, as the genealogy mention these names. I have heard my father speak of Page Dameron and Littlepage Dameron. I don't suppose they were contemporary of my father, but may have been grown men, when father was a child. Both Page Dameron and Littlepage Dameron left Nelson County. I don't recall hearing father say where they went from Nelson. I was born and brought up at Rockfish, Nelson Co., Va. My great-grandfather, Dunmore Dameron, may have come of the Albemarle Damerons. If not, I don't know where the home of his early life was. I rather think his father's name was William Dameron. The Damerons of my generation, some have died, and some have gone to different parts of the world. I don't know the younger ones or where they live, only two nephews and some great-nephews. Some live in Newport News. Some in Alderson, W.Va., and some in Pennsylvania. I have several great-great nieces and nephews. My oldest brother, of Alderson, W. Va. has been dead for several years. His son, Frank, is the R.R. ticket agent at Alderson, and Frank's son, Frank, Jr. has signed up with the American Express Company, for three years, and is stationed in Brazil. I am sending you some clippings. I don't know these Damerons. I have a great-great nephew attending V.P.I. I have a great-great niece attending Averett College for Girls, Danville, Va... . I have lived in Charlottesville for several years. I will refer Miss Vera V. Via to you who writes historical articles for the Daily Progress, the Charlottesville daily paper." She then sent on March 3, the following:

"(July) or Julia Dameron, is a granddaughter of Zechariah Dameron and a great-granddaughter of Dunmore Dameron. She married George Callahan who was a contractor when the railroad was being built through here. It is now the Southern R.R. The Callahans made their home in either Salem or Roanoke Co. I used to hear they were very wealthy. I never saw any of them...I wish I knew where Dunmore Dameron finally settled and made his home. I know his sons, Zachariah, Lee, and Samuel, made their homes in Nelson Co... My great-grandfather Dunmore had slaves. My grandfather had no slaves. Wishing you much success in your tremendous task of the Dameron genealogy, most sincerely, (signed) ELLA DAMERON." She wrote a very clear hand.

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, of Northumberland County, Va. 1652, m. Dorothy _____.
II. GEORGE d. 1698 m. Elizabeth Dennis, and inherited the Guarding Point estate.
III. LAZARUS d. 1749 in Albemarle Co., Va. m. Elizabeth Smith.
IV. GEORGE, who lived in Albemarle and Buckingham m. Anne Thany or Thone.
V. MICHAEL, who lived in Buckingham 1784 with George. Albemarle Court Records show him as a witnessaround 1790. He deeded land in Fluvanna 1793-1801, also.
VI. DUNMORE, son of Michael, m. Patsey Cox in Fluvanna. He deeded Amherst land.

1. John, son of Dunmore,moved to Buckingham County, Va. when young.
2. Drury C. Dameron m. Charlot D. Martin 1824, in Nelson Co., Va.
3. Zachariah, d. Jan. 1891, according to Bettie Bonham.
4. Samuel b. 1800, moved to Nelson Co., Va. about 1824. He m. Elizabeth Thomas,and had two sons and three daughters. Marriage Bonds of Cumberland Co., Va. by J.D. Eggleston, p. 46 shows: "Sam'l Damron married Elizabeth Thomas 18 July, 1835, security Henry P. Irving." Their children were as follows, according to Ella Dameron:

(1) Martha Frances m. James Drumheller and moved to Ohio. She m. 1843.
(2) Sarah Ann m. Jacob Farrar in 1846, also in Nelson Co., Va.
(3) Elvira Jane m. John Drumheller, 1847, in Nelson Co., Va.
(4) William Dunmore b. about 1827, m. Lucy S. Welch, 1859, Nelson Co. and died in Richmond in the Civil War. His son Charles Samuel Damron was b. Dec. 19, 1860.
(5) Zechariah b. Nov. 18, 1828, Cumberland Co., Va. Nelson Co., Va. Marriage Register shows: "Zacharias L. and Belinda Loving 1859," but they were married Jan. 12, 1860. His son Thomas Loving m. Pearl Johnson of Nelson Co., Va. and lived at Alderson, W.Va., where he had five girls and one son. His son Frank lives in Alderson and Frank, Jr. is in Brazil. His daughter Ella lives in Charlottesville and Mrs. Willie Dabney lives in Rockfish, Va.(A cousin John had a daughter, Betty Bonham, of Schuyler, Va. who wrote "Our great-grandmother was a Miss Cox from Tennessee. My mother and father died in ten weeks of each other when I was 13 years old and I lived with mother's people afterwards. She was a Noel.") Zechariah's daughter Rosa b. near Rockfish Depot m.Elbert D.

5. Leland Dameron m. Susanna Powell, 1836, Nelson Co., Va.
6. Perhaps Polly Dameron, as Dunmore Dameron was bondsman in Nelson County, Va., when she married Joseph Thomas.

VII. ZACHARIAH DAMRON, above mentioned son of Dunmore Dameron and Patsy Cox, was born about 1803 and died in Jan. 1891. He m. Frances Thomas and had these ch.:

1. Hiram, whose son Elbert lives at 909 Amherst Ave., Altavista, Va. He m. his cousin Rosa Damron, who wrote: "Both our great-great grandfather was Mike Dameron, our great-grandfather was Dunmore."
2. John Q. Dameron m. first Sarah F. Townsend, 1858, Nelson Co., Va., 2nd Sarah E. Loving, 1865, and third Mahala Noel, mother of Betty Bonham. He was eldest.
3. William C. Dameron b. Mar. 4, 1843, d. Jan. 4, 1923, whose son Thomas M. Damron d. 1949, age 76, and had a daughter Loula, who m. Everett Adams, Scottsville, Va. who wrote: "We believe all were born in Nelson Co. He also had brothers named Manoah (called Tump), Nicholas, Hiram, Austin and Lee (might have been Leland). The home of Zachariah Damron was in the vicinity of the south end of what is now Southern Railway bridge across Rockfish River near Rockfish Station in Nelson Co. He was buried in the family plot at that site.(Prior to 1807 Nelson was in Amherst.)"
4. Ezra Damron m. Roxanna Loving in 1863, Nelson County Marriage Register.
5. Nicholas.
6. Austin.
7. Leland.
8. Clifton.
9. Julia A. S. Damron m. George Callahan, 1858, Nelson Co., Va.
10. Manoah, youngest son.

MANOAH T. DAMRON AND LUCY HELEN GAY DAMRON.

I received the following information from Hattie Lee Pleasants, 1314 Chesapeake Street, Charlottesville, Va. May 7, 1954: "Zachariah Damron that married Frances Thomas was my grandfather and she was my grandmother. She died when I was young. My grandfather died Jan. 1891, 85 years old; he was born 1806. My father 'Tump', Manoah, called M. T. Damron, married Lucy Helen Gay,North Garden, Albemarle Co., Va. I was the oldest of nine children . I married William Edward Martin of North Garden in 1893, Nov. 8. My husband died June, 1894. I remarried again Nov. 1897 to Thomas L. Pleasants. Am now a widow. I am seventy-six and had a slight stroke Dec. Am anxious to get all of this history for my grandchildren and thank you so much. Below you will find my brothers and sisters:

"Manoah T. Damron, born July 14, 1851, died Nov. 15, 1918. His wife, Lucy Helen Gay born April 30, 1858, died May 23, 1836. Their children were:

1. Hattie Lee Damron Martin Pleasants, born Nov. 29, 1877.
2. Carrie Elizabeth Damron Drumheller, born March 26, 1881, died May 23, 1917.
3. Lucy Frances Damron Kirby, born Nov. 23,1883.
4. Minnie Ida Damron, born March 6, 1885, died June, 1912. She never married.
5. David Houston Damron, born Oct. 1, 1888, died Oct. 5, 1921, in a car wreck. (His son, Robert L. Damron, lives in Charlottesville, Va. P. O. Box 347. He wrote: "My father was David Houston Damron and he came from Nelson Co. I have discussed with my aunt on my daddy's side the questions in your letter (re William Dameron's family), and nowhere down the line can she recall any Damrons by the names listed."
6. George Aubry Damron, born Nov. 21, 1891, died Feb. 18, 1918, in service.
7. Harry Blain Damron, born Aug. 24, 1895.
8. Katie May Damron Ponton, born May 18, 1898, of Faber, Nelson Co., Va."
9. Willie Edna Damron Norvelle. (No dates given.)

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On April 26, I received a letter from Ella Dameron correcting some dates: "I notice Samuel Dameron, my grandfather and Elizabeth Thomas, my grandmother, are recorded as being married 1835. I am sure that date is far wrong. I can't now get my hands on a family Bible with these records, but I think it possible my grandfather and grandmother were married the year 1822 or 1823. The genealogy records my father, Zecheriah Leland Dameron and my m other, Belinda Loving, as being married 1859. That is not correct. My father and mother were married January 12, 1860." (Note by H.F.S.--the date of the marriage bond is what is given in the records and was usually some time before the marriage actually took place.) Another sister of Ella Dameron is Bertha Cammie Dameron Wells (Mrs. John Andrews Wells), 709 E. High St., Charlottesville, Va.

Following are listed the dates in the Marriage Register of Nelson County, Va. not already noted, of the name Damron:

James T. and Martha S. W. Thurmand 1828
John and Lucy Peyton
Uriah A. and Martha M. Newton, 1858
Lucy T. and Wm. Johnson, 1822, bondsman, Wm. R. Damron
Nancy C. and Isaac Newton, 1839, Leland Damron, bondsman
Wm. and Sarah Ann Harding,1825
Wm. and Hannah M. Griffin, 1831
Abby Ann and Wm. S. Witt 1855
Elizabeth and Abram E. Chandler,1823
Sophia and Thomas Glass, Mar. 12, 1810
Elizabeth and Phillip Thurmond, 1826, Littlepage Damron, bondsman

(Note: The descendants and ancestry of William Dameron are not yet traced. His children were John, who went to Texas, Robert B, of Lynchburg, d. 1919, Monroe, of Scottsville, Va., James d. 1928 BuckinghamCounty, whose sons Joseph and Robert live in Buckingham; Thomas Benton Dameron of Scottsville, Sally and Ellen m. Moon.

DEED BETWEEN DUNMORE DAMERON AND JOHN AND MARY MATTHEWS, 1800
Amherst County, Va., Deed Book I, p. 107, May 12, 1800.

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"This Indenture was made this twelfth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred between JNO. MATTHEWS AND MARY HIS WIFE of the County of Amherst of the one part and DUNMORE DAMERON of the other part, WITNESSETH, that the said John Matthews and Mary his wife for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred pounds current money of Virginia to them in hand paid by the said Dunmore Dameron before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereofis herbby acknowledged and confirmed, hath given granted bargained and sold and by these presents doth freely give grant bargain and sell unto the said Dunmore Dameron, his heirs and assigns forever, a certain Tract or parcel of land situated lying and being in the County of Amherst on the north side of the Anne Laugh Creek containing one hundred acres more or less bounded as followeth, viz.: Beginning at the Mouth of a Branch that niches into the above mentioned Creek just below the place called the Mill Teat and running up the said branch to the head thence with a strait line to William Bowman's line to Martin Dawsons, thence on Martin Dawsons to Walker's line, thence on Walkers line to Dictions thence down Dictions line to the mouth of the above mentioned branch. To have and to hold the same Tract kf land with all and singular appurtenances and priveledges thereunto belonging unto the said Dunmore Dameron, his heirs and assigns, to the only proper use of him the said John Matthews and Mary his wife doth hereby forthemselves and their heirs covenant promise and agree to and with the said Dunmore Dameron his heirs and assigns to warrant and forever defend to him a good and lawful right to the aforesaid bargained and sold land with the appurtenances and priveledges thereunto belonging against the claim of themselves and their heirs and every other person. IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said John Matthews and Mary his wife hath hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day andyear above written.

"Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presence of us.

JOHN MATHEWS (SEAL)
MARY MATHEWS (SEAL)

MABRY CAMPBELL
LEWIS CAMPBELL
WILEY CAMPBELL

"At a Court held for Amherst County the 16th day of June 1800 this Indenture was acknowledged in Court by John Mathews and Mary his wife, parties thereto, the said Mary having been first prively examined as the Law directs and ordered to be Recorded.

Test (No Signature.)"

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THE ESTATE OF DUNMORE DAMERON, AMHERST COUNTY, VA., 1842

Will Book 11, p. 334, Amherst County, Va. Adm. Acc. ESTATE OF DUNMORE DAMERON, in acct. with David Patterson:

1842,	July 16. To medical account due 27th Mar.	$ 23.50
	Aug. 22. Cash paid Jas. Wright for coffin, voucher	8.00
	Sept. 19. Commission on $150 at five per cent	7.50
1843,	May 9. Commission on $36.21 at five per cent.	1.81
	" " Cash paid Ro. Tinsley for motion adminstr's voucher	5.00
	" " " " Clerk's fee, retained to cover charges	1.50
	July 27 To Cash paid Thos. Campbell for tuition.	2.25
	" " " " " Clerk's tickets per sheriff's receipt	1.45
	" " Commission	.51

1844.	Jan. to Cash paid board of Dunmore to Mrs. M.E. Damron as per voucher	24.00
	Commissions	1.20
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1842,	July 16. By cash of Robert Tinsley	50.00
	Sept. 19 " " " "	100.00
1843	May 9th " " " "	36.21
	" " Int. on $111.86 from 31 December 1842	2.37
		188.58
	Balance $111.86	

"Being first sworn I have examined the written ac. and find the same supported by vouchers and report it as correct. Given under my hand this 5th day of May, 1845 at a Court held for Amherst County on the 21st day of July 1845 this account of the Estate of Dunsmore Damron deceased with David Patterson the Administrator having been hereunto Returned to Court and ordered to be (searched) for exceptions and no exceptions being filed thereto the same is confirmed and ordered to be Recorded.

Teste. SAM. M. GARLAND, CLK."

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DEED FROM DUNMORE DAMERON TO REUBEN T. MITCHELL, 1804, AMHERST CO., VA.
(Deed Book K, p. 109, Amherst Co., Va.)

"This Indenture made this fourth day of February one thousand eight hundred and four between Reuben T (I?) Mitchell & Mildred his wife of the County of Amherst of the one part and Dunmore Dameron of the same county of the other part. Witnesseth, that the said Reuben T. Mitchell and Mildred his wife for and in consideration of the sum of four pounds ten shillings of current money of Virginia to them in hand paid by the said Dunmore Dameron before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the reaeipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and confirmed hath given granted bargained and sold aliened enfeoffed & confirmed unto the said Dunmore Dameron and to his heirs forever one certain part of his Land being a part of the same tract that the Said Reuben T. Mitchell lives on containing six acres more or less lying and being in the County of Amherst on the Marrowbone Mountain Beginning at a certain white oak, in the said Reuben T. Mitchell & Dunmore Dameron's dividing line on the above mentioned mountain and thence running with a new line made by the said parties in the presence of Thomas Murrell & Am. Martin to a hicory corner and thence with a straight line to a certain dogwood corner, on a branch in the said Reuben T. Mitchell's back line thence with his line to a chestnut corner in a bunch of rocks which comes to the above parties dividing line, and thence on the line back to the beginning on the above mentioned white oak; together with all timber and all appurtenances thereto belonging to the said Dunmore Dameron and his heirs forever and the said Reuben T. Mitchell & Mildred this wife for themselves and their heirs covenant promise and agree to and with the said Dunmore Dameron and his heirs forever to warrant and forever defend to them a good and lawful right and title to the above bargained and sold land with the appurtenances and priveledged thereunto belonging against the claim of themselves and their heirs & all other persons that shall make any demand for the same. In witness whereof the said Reuben T. Mitchell & Mildred his wife hath interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and date above written.

"In presence of us, TEST. REUBEN T. MITCHELL (SEAL)
WM. MARTIN, THOMAS MURRELL, MILDRED MITCHELL (SEAL)
ALEXANDER ROBERTS, JAMES TURNER, JR."

Receipt for four pounds ten shillings was dated 4th Feb. 1804, and "At a Court held at Amherst County the 6th day of July 1804 this deed was proven by the oaths of Wm. Martin Alexander Roberts and James Turner, Jr...and ordered to be recorded."

THE ANCESTRY AND DESCENDANTS OF CHARLES DAMERON OF AMHERST CO., VA.

The ancestry of this branch of the Dameron family is as follows:

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who had a land grant in 1652 in Northumberland Co., Va.

II. GEORGE, d. 1689, of Northumberland, m. Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis.

III. LAZARUS, d. 1749, in Albemarle County, Va. m. Elizabeth Smith. His children were: Winifred m. John Thomas; Judith m. Noble Ladd and had a daughter Anne who m. Capt. John Damron b. 1757; John d. 1757; Richard, d.s.p., Moses, who inherited the estate of Lazarus, and George. The following items were recently found by Alimae Aiken:

Albemarle County, Va. Law Order Book No. 1, p. 130, Mar. 27, 1746."Ordered the road fromthe Court House to Shephards foard be carried around the Ridge that John Lewis be Overseer of the same in the room of Lazarus Dameron & that he have the same Hands." Page 122, June 12, 1746: "Joshua Fry, Gent., Surveyor of this County presents a list of his Surveys by him from June 1, MDCIXLV to June 1 MDVXLVI which is ordered to be recorded. Lazarus Damrel 212 acres." Oct. 10, 1746, p. 196: "Lazarus Damron, foreman of jury in case of Dennis Doyle against John Burns--Trespassand Assault."

Page 194, Oct. 9, 1746: "John Coles & Company against Richard Dameron: IN DEBT. "The Parties appear by their attorneys and the Defendant by Wm. Battersby his attorney prays and hath leave to impart till next Court and then to plead and in the meantime to have oyer etc. and the same day ___ is given the Parties aforesaid here."

IV. GEORGE, son of above Lazarus, had land both in Buckingham and Albemarle Counties, Va. His children were: George, a Revolutionary soldier who m. Susannah Thomas and moved to Green Co., Ky.; Michael; perhaps Daniel; Dunmore m. Lucy Thomas, perhaps others.

According to Mary Dillard Dameron Dise of 1109 Church Street, Lynchburg, Va., who compiled the genealogy of this branch of the descendants of Charles Dameron, Michael Dameron was "born in Albemarle Co. near Scottsville; residence, Albemarle at the home. Names of children: Monroe b. July 1819, d. Sept. 30, 1877, William, Page, Dunmore, Lucy, Judith. James Monroe mentioned above married Lucy J. Carr 1848; his children were John H. b. 1849, m. Emma Roy Dameron 1875; Sallie M. b. 1851, married Malachi Dameron in 1891, Rev. J.W. Parrish 1906, Emma F. Dameron b. Feb. 1854, d. 1883, Jane b. 1856 m. T.E. Williams 1874, J. Michael b. 1858, Lucy J. b. 1860, Mary P. b. 1812 m. Rufus P. Kyle, 1890."

William Dameron appears to have married Hannah Monroe and had the following children: John, who went to Texas; Robert B., of Lynchburg, Va.; Monroe, who had a farm near Scottsville, Va.; James d. 1928 in Buckingham Co., m. Clemey Baber, and had sons Joseph and Robert who live in Buckingham Co., address Scottsville, Va., Thomas Benton Dameron m. Eveline Sergeant, d. 1873, lived in Scottsville on the old farm (his son Wilbur Thomas Dameron m. Ada Robinson, and had a son Gordon.) Other children were Lindsey C., George J., Sally and Ellen m. ___Moon.

V. DUNMORE DAMERON, who lived in Albemarle County, Va. His wife was Lucy Thomas born in Fluvanna County, Va. According to Mary Dameron Dise in her "Family History of Charles Dameron and Wife Mary E. Dameron," the following are his descendants:

"George and John Dameron settled in Albemarle County near Charlottesville, Va. on Hardware River before the Revolutionary War." This memorandum was taken from a letter of Mrs. Frances H. Keach, Wichita, Kansas.

"Memo: The grandmother was born near Lynchburg in 1807 and was the daughter of John Dameron. One sister Jane married Goodrich and moved to Ohio. The grandmother's name was Lucinda Thomas Dameron. This lady's father's name was Samuel H. Bell." (All of the above is written in the top right corner of the cover to Book 1.)

The brothers of Charles Dameron, son of Dunmore, were:

1. Charles Dameron, born 1780 in Albemarle County, Va., resided at Amherst County, Va., occupation, farmer, married in 1820 in Amherst Co., d. June 11, 1838.

2. "John, brother of Charles Dameron, res. Alleghany County on Dunlap Creek." The book "A Centennial History of Alleghany County,"by Oren F. Morton, lists the residents of 1840, from the list by Lee Persinger, Commissioner of the Revenue, p. 140: Damron--Andrew, Christopher, Isaac P., Joseph, William. Chapter XIX. Legislators and County Officers from Alleghany: Delegates, Joseph Dameron, 1833-34; Andrew Dameron, 1850-51. Until 1830 Alleghany was entitled to two delegates, the same as all other counties. From 1830 to 1853, it was a delegate district by itself. Bath was then added but was taken off in 1865. In 1869 Craig was joined to Alleghany. In 1879 Bath and Highland were substituted for Craig but since 1904 Alleghany and Craig again comprise one district. County Officers: Justices 1820-1852--Dameron, Joseph, 1827; Dameron, Andrew, 1838. Surveyors: Joseph Damron 1822-1824; Andrew Damron 1833-1850. "Soldiers of 1861 and Earlier Wars, Company G 22-D, Regiment. "Rocky Point Grays," Alleghany County: Damron, Henry C., enlisted Mar. 1862, Lewisburg, died of disease; Damron, Stannard, discharged 1863; Damron, William; Damron, Samuel A. "Soldiers of 1861 and Earlier Wars, names in Matheny-Evans List: Damron, Henry; Damron, Samuel." No Damrons listed for World War. (Summers lists H.C. Dameron, Methodist minister, 1881, Washington Co.)

"The Families of Alleghany County," p. 129 lists: "The Damerons have been a prominent family of Dunlap Creek. John died 1828. His wife was Polly and his children were Elizabeth, Joseph, John, William, Andrew and Christopher. Elizabeth married Thomas Smith. Joseph was a lawyer. Joseph and Andrew Dameron, delegates from Alleghany, were of an old family in the east of Virginia. (P. 198.) Summers' Annals of Southwest Virginia, p. 507, Early Marriages of Botetourt Co. 1769-1800, lists, 1796, John Damron--Molly Hardy."

3."James, brother of Charles Dameron, res. Kentucky."

4. "Joseph, brother of Charles Dameron, res. Bedford, Va.

5. "Page, brother of Charles Dameron, res. Pike Co., Mo. in about 1830."

6. "Henry, brother of Charles Dameron, res. Upshur Co., W. Va. Two sisters accompanied him. One married Carter in Upshur Co., the other Polly married Henderson in Upshur Co. in 1855. Henry went to Nebraska. One sister married Glass near Lynchburg, Va.

7. She also lists as brothers of Charles,Dunmore Dameron, father of Drewry C., who moved to Mo. about 1844, which must be a mistake; and also Michael. She notes that Dunmore lived near Rockfish, Nelson Co. and that Drewry C. had "oldest sons, grown at the time, Dunmore, Robt., and John, oldest daughter, Susan."

VI. CHARLES DAMERON, son of Dunmore Dameron, and Lucy Thomas, was born 1780 In Albemarle County, Va., resided in Amherst Co., Va., where he was a farmer. He married 1820 in Amherst Co. or 1819, Mary MacGann. He died Junell, 1838, killed by a stroke of lightning. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. The father of Mary E. MacGann (also spelled Magan and Magann and McGann), Joseph P. MacGann, came from Scotland and settled in Amherst Co., Va. Her brothers and sisters were: Joseph Magann, Moses H. Magann b. July 21, 1802, res. Amherst, d. Mar. 16, 1866; Pleasants Magann m. Miss Mitchell, children Mary, James, Powetan, Margaret; John Magann m. Annie Murry, children, Lizzie, Samuel, John, Paulus, George, Dave.

1. GEORGE HENRY DAMERON, son of above Charles, b. June 16, 1822, res. Amherst County, Va., at Amherst near Abert, County Sheriff and Treasurer, and farmer. He m. Frances Ann Scott Nov. 24, 1852, d. July 22,1884, of heart trouble. Children:

(1) Emma Roy b. Aug. 25, 1854, m. Jno. H. Dameron, 1875; d. May 10, 1931, heart trouble.
(2) Chas. W. Dameron b. Oct. 26, 1856, m. Gertrude Dameron 1890.
(3) Anna M. Dameron b. May 5, 1858, d. 1873.
(4) Geo. Dameron b. Aug. 30, 1860, d. Oct. 18, 1860.
(5) Fannie Scott b. Aug. 23, 1861, m. B. N. Upham Oct. 17, 1879, of Boston.
(6) George H. Dameron b. Aug. 30, 1864, died Jan. 20, 1890
(7) Belle F. Dameron b. Feb. 15, 1867, d. Oct. 1869.
(8) Robert D. Dameron b. July 1, 1869, m. Lizzie White, Apr. 20, 1898.
(9) Irene Belle Dameron b. July 12, 18*** m. Jno. E. Elder, ch. Frances and John.

2. LUCY THOMAS DAMERON, b. 1821, Amherst Co., Va. res. Amherst Co., Va. m. George C. Huckstep, d. 1852. Husband died Nov. 25, 1845. Children:

(1) Frances A. b. _____ d. 1876, m. Andrew M. Kyle Aug. 1866. Children: Frances A. m. Taylor Halt; and Thomas Dillard, moved West.
(2) Virginia E. b. 1847, d. Feb. 5, 1898, m. Moses B. Kyle, 1870, m. by Rev. Dewitt. Children: Inez, died, res. Amherst; Lucy George m. Hicks; Moses Wister died; Victor, died; Vera; Roy P., Nelmes, Ruth.
(3)Joseph D. b. 1823, d. Mr. 27,1842, age 19.
(4) Mary Jane b. 1824, m. ____ Novell, d July 1852, leaving two children, boys who with their father went west.

3. ZACHERIAH DAMERON b. Feb. 22, 1826, d. Mar. 26, 1892, born in Bedford Co., res. Peddlar Mills, Amherst Co., Va., farmer. He m. Margaret Rucker on Dec. 13, 1847, in Bedford Co., Va. Children: (He was twin of Malachi, both fought in Civil War.)

(1) Chas. J. Dameron b. Jan. 18, 1853, m. Kate White, Dec. 19, 1877,2nd marriage Elsie Kent, 1904. Children: Robert m. Kate Kent; 2. Frank b. 1884; 3. Alpha b. Sept. 15, 1890. He lived in Amherst.
(2) Samuel M. Dameron b. Jan. 29, 1855, m. Mrs. Drucie Dickerson Dorman 1886.
(3) Thomas J. Dameron b. Feb. 1, 1859, m. 1st Minnie Hill Jan. 18, 1882, children: Louise P. and Lewis; 2nd marriage Tom Dameron m. Miss Julian. Res.Kansas.
(4) Robert L. b. Jan. 20, 1863, m. Maggie Eubank Sept. 18, 1889, children: 1. John L.; 2. Margaret; 3. Chas.; 4. Robt.; 5. Rebecca; 6. Lizzie; 7. Zack; 8.Baby.
(5) Ernest F. Dameron b. June 21, 1866, m. Minnie Hodge June 18, 1899, child: Winnie Davis. Res. Oklahoma or Kansas.
(6) Florence H. Dameron b. Aug. 24, 1868, m.Richard Hughes May 6, 1885. Ch: 1. Maggie Lucy; 2. Ernest T.; 3. Ralph A.; 4. Aubrey.
(7) Herbert D. Dameron b. Nov. 14, 1870, m. Emma Wortham Feb. 28, 1895, 2nd, Berta Beauford. Myrtle K., child by Emma, and 2nd marriage children were Herbert and Berta Beauford--Hubert and Herbert (twins.) Res. Kansas.
(8) Z. Clifton Dameron b. Dec. 1, 1873, m. Annie Hill Oct. 1895. Ch: 1.Wallace; 2. Gladys; 3. Jacob; 4. Lucile; 5. Emma; 6. Zack. Res. Pandale, Texas, 1954.
(9) Gertrude M. b. May 28, 1876, m. Chas. W. Dameron Sept. 15, 1893, adopted one child named George Henry. Res. Amherst Co.

*Note: Samuel M. lived in Texas and Robert L. in Kansas.

4. MALACHI DAMERON, son of Dunmore Dameron and Lucy Thomas, b. Feb. 22, 1826, d. Oct. 2, 1905, in Bedford Co. Res. Amherst Co. near Peddlar Depot, farmer. He m. Ann Rucker and 2nd Sally Dameron, Sept. 28, 1892, by Dr. Felix, in Lynchburg, Va. The children of Malachi and Ann Dameron were:

(1) Kate Dameron m. Gustavus A. Burford.
(2) Texas m. Benjamin Hughes.
(3) Emma m. Henry Lewis.
(4) Lucy MacDaniel.
(5) Zacheriah m. Annie Hill.
(6) Willie Page m. Will Oglesby.

5. WILLIAM R. DAMERON b. 1827, Amherst Co., Res. Amherst Co. He d. Mar 8, 1842, age 15 years.

6. ELIZABETH P. DAMERON, b. July 18, 1832, d. Dec. 8, 1858, in Amherst Co., Va. Res. Amherst Co., Va. She m. Henry A. White Nov. 25, 1847. Children:

(1) Geo. F. White b. Dec. 9, 1848, d. July 30, 1855.
(2) Ella C. b. Jan. 30, 1851, d. Jan. 5, 1861.
(3) Ida S. b. Mar. 25, 1853, d. Dec. 5, 1860.
(4) Catherine M., b. Dec. 6, 1855, d. _____, m. Chas. J. Dameron Dec. 19, 1877.
(5) Willie Mac b. Sept. 6, 1857, d. May 7, 1891, m. Charles Coffey. Children: Lottie J. b. Dec. 21, 1881; Ashby D. b. Feb. 25, 1883; Inez b. Apr. 13, 1885; Hettie b. Feb. 4, 1888; Beulah b. Oct. 25, 1889.

Henry A. White married second Liza Ann McGann, and the children of Ann McGann White were: George, Lucy, Dibrell, Henry Ann, Illa Susan, Lizzie, Willie Mac (?)

7. CHARLES DIBRELL DAMERON b. Mar. 19, 1834, m. Mildred Joyner.

8. SALLIE DAMERON, b. Amherst Co., Va. Res. Boonesboro, Bedford Co., Va. m. Joshua Oglesby. Children: Albert, Will, Dibrell, Samuel, Ottie Bird, Roberta, Thomas.

(1) Albert MacDaniel Oglesby m. Florence Ogden.
(2) William Henry m. Willie P. Dameron.
(3) Dibrell H. m. Carrie Beauford.
(4) Samuel m. _____ Blanks.
(5) Ottie Bird, died.
(6) Robert m. Jos. Hughes.
(7) Thomas m. Emma Rucker.

9. SUSAN PAGE DAMERON, b. Feb. 9, 1839, d. Aug. 16, 1865, at Amherst Co. m. Andrew Kyle in 1859. Children:

(1) Charles, downed at three years old.
(2) Rufus, lives in Salt Lake City.
(3) Sallie m. Webb and moved West.
(4) Susan, died at three years old.

VIII. EMMA ROY AND JOHN H. DAMERON

VI. GEORGE HENRY DAMERON, son of Charles, b. 1822, had a daughter Emma Roy Dameron b. Aug. 25, 1854, who m. John H. Dameron, 1875, and died of heart trouble May 10, 1931. Their children were:

1. Ossie B. b. May 1, 1877.
2. Anna S. b. Dec. 21, 1879, m. Jos. Owen.
3. Irma N. b. 1881, d. 1883.
(4) William C. b. Aug. 28, 1884.
(5) George H. b. Nov. 17, 1886.
(6) Irma N. b. June 29, 1886, d. Jan. 27, 1895.

VIII. FANNIE SCOTT DAMERON AND BEN N. UPHAM

VIII. FANNIE SCOTT DAMERON m. Ben N. Upham and had the following children:

1. Marian S. b. 1883, d. 1892.
2. Grace D. b. Oct. 9, 1884.
3. James b. Apr. 4, 1884.
4. Daniel b. Jan. 23, 1895.
5. Howard b. Mar. 1899.

VIII. ROBERT D. AND LIZZIE DAMERON.

VIII. ROBERT D. DAMERON b. July 1, 1869, m.*Lizzie White, Apr. 20, 1898, and had a child:

1. Elinor Roy Dameron b. Apr. 10, 1899. *(Note by Alimae Aiken: I met this lady and her daughter in Lynchburg. Mrs. Dise says that she belongs to both branches.)

VII. CHARLES DIBRELL DAMERON AND MILDRED JOYNER.

VII. CHARLES DIBRELL DAMERON, son of Charles Dameron and Mary E. MacGann, was b. Mar. 19, 1834, in Amherst County, Va., where he resided at Amherst C. H. He was a farmer, merchant, deputy-sheriff, and a member of the Methodist Church. He died Apr. 9, 1915. His wife was Mildred Joyner, whom he married Feb. 23, 1869, at Amherst C. H., Va. ceremony by John K. Harris. Mildred Joyner was b. Apr. 8, 1845, Amherst County, Va., and d. May 27, 1916. She was the youngest child of Oney Dillard Tyler Huckstep and Peter Garland Joyner. Her mother first married Col. Richard Huckstep in 1815.

Peter Garland Joyner was b. June 3, 1799, Campbell Co., Va. and moved to N.C. He married Mrs. Oney Huckstep in 1841. He had lived near Wentworth, N.C. until that time, but after his marriage took charge of his wife's farm and added to it. His wife Oney Dillard Tyler, 1800-1864, m. Col. Wm. Huckstep at the age of 15, then in 1841, married her first cousin Peter G. Joyner. She was related to the family of President Tyler but not of his branch.

The father of Peter Garland Joyner was Peter Joyner, a soldier in the Revolution. Mildred Dillard was Mrs. Dise's great-grandmother.

Elizabeth Dillard, daughter of Wm. Dillard, married John Tyler. The father of John Tyler was Charles Tyler, a soldier in the Revolution--Chas. Tyler of Westmoreland County. Mother--Susannah Monroe.

The children of Charles Dibrell Dameron and Mildred Joyner were the following:

1. Mary Dillard b. Dec. 15, 1869, Amherst Co., Va. m. Geo. Tannehill of Charleston, S.C., May 7, 1918; m. Joseph Dise Oct. 5, 1921, of Glen Rock, Pa.

2. Ralph Teese b. Sept. 4, 1871, a student of telegraphy, drowned while at school in Kansas.

3. Anna Shepard Dameron b. Mar. 9, 1873, teacher and housewife, m. Wadell A. White Feb. 25, 1902, in Lynchburg, Va.

4. Charles Peter b. Apr. 14, 1875, Amherst; telegraph operator and farmer, m. Lula Corder.

5. Grace Dameron b. Jan. 24, 1877, d. Jan. 19, 1918.

6. Marvin Early (Tom Stone) Dameron, b. Aug. 24, 1878, carpenter, m. Cecil Birden and lived in Stockdale, Texas. Ch. of Bryan, Texas: Mary Angeline, Marvel Florence, and T.S. Dameron, Jr.

7. Robert Payne Dameron, son of Charles Dibrell and Mildred Joyner Dameron, was b. July 27, 1880, d. Sept. 26, 1932. He was a broker and business promoter of Minneapolis, Minn. and m. Margaret P. McClusky in 1907. Robert Payne Dameron II was in the U.S. Navy.

8. Homer B. Dameron b. June 1, 1882, d. Nov. ____. He was a farmer and m. Belva Adams, 1920. Children: Mary Grace who married; Homer B., Robert of Kentucky

9. George Lewis Dameron b. 1884, d. June 21, 1923, was a contractor and builder in Washington, D.C. and was killed in an auto accident.

10. Joyner Tyler Dameron b. Oct. 1, 1886, electrician of Lynchburg, Va. m. Phoebe Dawson, June 30, 1933. Children: Joyner T. Dameron, Jr., and Camilla Sue.

VIII. ANNA DAMERON AND WADELL A. WHITE.

VIII. ANNA SHEPARD DAMERON b. Mar. 9, 1873, m. Wadell A. White in Lynchburg, Va., Feb. 25, 1902, and had the following children:

1. Katherine Dameron White, teacher.
2. Wm. Davis White, merchant.
3. Dibrell Tyler White, merchant.
4. Dorothy W. Stoddard.
5. Rebecca W. Garnoc.
6. Mary W. Guillot.

VIII. CHARLES PETER WHITE AND LULA CORDER.

VIII. CHARLES PETER WHITE, b. Apr. 14, 1875, m. Lula Corder. Children:

1. Charles Julian, Detroit.
2. Robert Samuel, Lynchburg.
3. Paul Edward, Detroit.
4. Geo. Preston, Detroit.
5. Clyde Thomas, Georgia.
6. Lula Mildred, Georgia.
7. Ethel Virginia.
8. Lee Jackson, Detroit.
9. Woodrow Wilson.
10. Mary Edith, d. one month of age.

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The above data was compiled many years ago by Mary Dise at the request of Robert B. Dameron of Lynchburg, Va., son of William and Hannah M. Dameron, and brother of James W. Dameron of Buckingham Co., Va. In his will written in 1913 he said: "I desire that Mary Dameron, daughter of Charles Dameron of Amherst, Va. is to have $100.00 in consideration of collecting such data as I have and others as relates to Dameron family and to record same in a neat book of reference to be preserved by her. I desire that neat tombstones be placed over the graves of my mother Hannah M. Dameron and two brothers, Lindsey C. Dameron and George J. Dameron with their names and dates of deaths inscribed thereon as records show in my trunk, also an enclosure such as my executor shall select. This grave yard is situated in the old John E. Eubank farm near Porter's Precinct in Albemarle Co. and is owned by Mr. Williams who has kindly given permission to improve about graves."

Mrs. Dise wrote to Alimae Aiken March 22, 1954: "Will Dameron's address is W.R. C. Dameron, 613 Victoria Avenue, Lynchburg. He had four daughters. I think all of them may have taught at some time in the public schools, and maybe one of them studied at Madison College, I don't know. Will graduated at Roanoke College. There was a book of family history called Our Kin, which contained much Dameron information. The Gilliams were connected with our family. My Uncle George Dameron took care of their estate. I taught in Tenn. Female College. My six brothers younger than myself are gone with heart failures... Cousin Bob Dameron helped me to write the family history and gave me the $100.00 to compile the book. Irma Dameron of the Albemarle branch comes to see me, a lovely young woman."

JANE DAMERON AND PHOEBE DAMERON

That there must have been additional daughters of Charles Dameron, not shown in the records of Mrs. Dise is indicated by the fact that Phoebe E. Dameron and Jane Dameron were left orphans at his death.

Will Book 11, p. 210, Amherst Co., Va. has the Guardian Bond for Phoebe Dameron:

"Know all men by these presents we Ralph C. Shelton, Richd Rucker & John D. L. Rucker are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia in the Sum of Two Thousand and Five hundred dollars, lawful money of Virginia, to be paid to the said Commonwealth for the payment whereof, well and truly be made, we bind ourselves and each of us over and each of our heirs, executors, and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents, Sealed with our seals, and dated this 19th day of February, 1844, and in the 68th year of the Commonwealth. The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Ralph C. Shelton, guardian of Phoebe E. Damron, Chas. D. Damron, Sarah F. Damron & Susan P. Damron, orphans of Charles Damron, deceased, shall faithfully execute his office as required by law, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

RALPH C. SHELTON (SEAL)
RICHD. F. RUCKER (SEAL)
JNO. D.F. RUCKER (SEAL)

"At a Court held for Amherst County on the 19th day of February, 1844, this bond was acknowledged in open Court by the parties thereto, and ordered to be recorded.

Teste. SAM. M. GARLAND, Clerk."

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Will Book 11, p. 217, Amherst Co., Va. has Jane Damron's Guardian Bond.

"Know all men by these presents that we Mary E. Damron & John Magann are held firmly bound unto the commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of Six Hundred dollars lawful money of Virginia to be paid to the said Commonwealth for the payment whereof well and truly to be made, we find ourselves, and each of us over and each of our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our Seals and dated this 19th day of February, 1844, and in the 68th year of the Commonwealth. The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Mary E. Damron, guardian of Jane Damron, orphan of Charles Damron, deceased, shall faithfully execute the office as Guardian of the said Jane Damron as required by law, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

MARY E. (Her Mark) DAMRON (SEAL)
JOHN D. MAGANN (SEAL)

"At a Court held for Amherst County on the 19th day of February, 1844, this bond was acknowledged in open court by the parties thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Test. SAM M. GARLAND, Clk."

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In Will Book 24, p. 268, Amherst Co., is the Will of R. B. Dameron, Mrs. Dise's cousin Robert.

Will Book 11, p. 68, Amherst Co., has an administrator's bond for Robert Dameron's estate, 18 July, 1842, admr. David Patterson and Robert Conom (?). Alimae Aiken says there is another Administrator's bond, Will Book 11, p. 69, Amherst Co., Va. for Dunmore Dameron exactly like the one on p. 6 , same book.

CHARLES DAMRON--ADMINISTRATOR'S BOND, 1838
(Will Book 10, p. 45, Amherst Co., Va.)

"Polly Damron, John McGann, George Feagans and Willis M. Reynold are held and firmly bound unto Edmund Penn, Richard Hamon, William M. Waller, and Henry Davis, Gentlemen Justices of the Court of AMHERST COUNTY, now sitting, and to their successors in office in the sum of eight thousand dollars current money of Virginia to which payment will & truly to be made we being ourselves . . .etc. . . the 17th day of September, 1838. The condition of this obligation is that if the said Polly Damron administrix of the above chattels and credit of Charles Damron deceased do make a true and perfect inventory of all and singular goods . . . etc.

POLLY (HER MARK) DAMRON
JOHN McGANN
GEORGE FEAGANS
WILLIS M. REYNOLD

"At a Court held for Amherst County 17th day of September, 1838,

SAMUEL M. GARLAND, CLK."

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CHARLES DAMRON--ADMINISTRATOR'S BOND, 1841
(Will Book 10, p. 310, Amherst Co., Va.)

"Know all men by these Presents That we George Huckstep, Drury C. Damron, James M. Daniel, Jr. are held and firmly bound unto David S. Garland, Zach D. Tinsley, William M. Waller & Henry L. Davis, Gentlemen Justices of the Court of Amherst County now sitting and to their successors in office for the sum of seven hundred dollars current money of Virginia to which payment will and truly be made, we bind ourselves and each of us, our and each of our heirs, executors and administrators jointly and severally, firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals and dated the 15th day of February, one thusand eight hundred and forty one and in the 65th year of the Commonwealth. The condition of this obligation is that if the said George Huckstep, administrator de bonis non of the goods, chattels and credits, excepting the slaves of Charles Damron deceased do make a true and perfect inventory of all and singular goods, chattels and credits of said deceased which have or shall come to the hands possession or knowledge of him the said George Huckstep or to the hands or possession of any other person or persons for him and the same as made to exhibit unto the County Court of Amherst whereas he shall be thereunto held by the said Court and such goods chattels and credits do well and truly administer according to law and further do make a just and true account of his actings and doings therein when thereto required by the said Court and all the rest of the said goods, chattels and credits which shall be found remaining upon the account of the said administrator.

GEORGE C. HUCKSTEP.
DRURY C. DAMRON
JAMES M. DANIEL

"At a Court held for Amherst County the 15th day of February, 1841.
Teste. SAML. M. GARLAND, CLK."

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Will Book 10, p. 339, Amherst Co., Va. has the Inventory of Charles Damron. Memorandum of the perishable property belonging to the Estate of Charles Damron decd., appraised by Edward Tinsley, Wm. I. Shelton, Thomas R. Berry on the 20th day of February, 1841. Total $371.25. (Signed) WM. I. SHELTON, THOS. R. BERRY, EDWIN TINSLEY.

"At Court held for Amherst County on the 15th day of March, 1841, this appointment of the Estate of Charles Dameron deceased was proved in open court & ordered to be recorded. Teste. SAM. M. GARLAND, CLK."

ESTATE OF CHARLES DAMERON, AMHERST CO., VA.
(Will Book 12, p. 159, Amherst Co.,Va.)

"A list of property sold this 3rd day of March, belonging to the estate of Charles Damron, deceased, on a credit of six months by Geo. C. Huckstep, adm.

Total $303.01, Teste. SAML. M. GARLAND.

"At a Court held for Amherst County the 19th day of Mar. 1849, this account of sales of the estate of Charles Dameron decd. was returned to Court and ordered to be recorded.

Teste. SAML. M. GARLAND, CLK."

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ADMINISTRATOR'S ACCOUNT. ESTATE OF CHARLES DAMERON, DECD. TO GEO. C. HUCKSTEP, ADM., (Will Book 12, p. 189, Amherst Co.)

"1841. To cash paid Jas. M. Daniel for auct. $2.50
To cash paid Clerk's fee recording inven. etc. 2.34
" " " Charles Dameron's taxes for 1838
etc.

"To this amount paid Mary E. Damron it being her dower right in perishable property. $92.03. Total $303.01

"Pursuaht to the annexed order of the County Court of Amherst the undersigned commissioners therein named having been first suly sworn for the purpose have proceeded to examine & settle the account of George C. Huckstep, admr. of Chas. Damron decd. and find it to be and stand as herein before stated, exhibiting a balance due from said admr. to said estate of $84.06 which sum is to bear interest from the 3rd day of Sept. 1843 until paid. Given under our hands this 10th day of Mar. 1849.

GEORGE POWELL
EDWARD TINSLEY
JNO. D. L. RUCKER

"Amherst County Court, February Term, 1849, on the motion of Lucy T. Huckstep, Administratrix of Geo. C. Huckstep decd. the Court doth appoint David Patterson, John Rucker, George Powell, Edwin S. Rucker, Edwin Tinsley or any three of them to state and settle and adjust the account of George C. Huckstep, administrator of Chas. Dameron deceased and make a report to Court. A Copy Teste. SAML. M. GARLAND,CK.

"Amherst County, to-wit, this day Jno. D.S. Rucker, GeorgePowell, & Edward Tinsley, three of the commissioners named in the within order appeared before me and being duly sworn according to law to execute it given under my hand & seal the 10th day of March, 1849.

D. PATTERSON (SEAL).

"At court held for Amherst County on the 20th day of August, 1849, this account having been heretofore returned to Court and ordered to lie for exceptions and none being filed thereto the same was confirmed and ordered to be recorded.

Teste. SAML. M. GARLAND, CLK.

"The same being first examined and allowed by the Justices of the said court for the time being shall deliver and pay unto such persons respectively as are entitled to the same by law and if it shall hereafter appear that any last will and testament was made by the deceased and the same be proved in court and the executor obtain a certificate of the probate thereof and the said George Huckstep do in such case being required to deliver up his letters of administration then this obligation to be void else to remain in full force." (This was on a separate piece of paper--A.A.)

ADMINISTRATOR'S BOND FOR ESTATE OF MARY E. (MACGANN) DAMERON, 1863
(Will Book 16, p. 356, Amherst County, Va.)

"Know all men by these presents that we, MALACHI DAMRON & GEO. H. DAMRON, are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of two thousand dollars lawful money of Virginia truly to be made, We bind ourselves and each of us over and each of our heirs executors and admrs. jointly & Severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our Seals and dated this 20th day of July, 1863, & 88th year of the Commonwealth. The condition of the above obligation is that the above bound Malachi Damron, Admr. of Mary E. Damron, decd. shall faithfully discharge the duties of his office as admr. aforesaid then this obligation to be void or else to remain in full force & virtue.

M. DAMERON (SEAL)
GEO. H. DAMERON (SEAL)

"At a Court held for Amherst County on the 20th day of July, 1863, this bond was acknowledged in open court by the parties thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Teste. SAM M. GARLAND, Clk."

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ADMINISTRATOR'S ACCOUNT OF M. E. DAMRON. M. DAMRON, ADMINISTRATOR OF MARY E. DAMRON ESTATE, Sept. 26th, 1863, Book 17, p. 112, Amherst Co., Va.

By amt. paid John D. Magann	$ 4.57	By amt. paid Chas D. Damron, his legacy	$190.60
" " " Taylor Berry, Attorney fee	10.00	" " L. Damron, legacy	190.60
" " " Geo. H. Damron Acc.	288.10	" " H.A. White, guardian for his children	190.60
" " " Chas. D. Damron to bal. Acc.	120.90	" " J.B. Oglesby, his wife's legacy	190.60
" " " Geo. H. Damron, his legacy	190.60	" " A. M. Kyle, his wife's	190.60
" " " Geo. H. Damron as guardian for Fannie & Jennie Huckstep	190.60	" " Damr. Legacy	190.60
		Amt. retained by Adm^{r}. as gua^{r}. for Wm. Norvell's legacy	190.60
		Total amt. paid out	$ 2,377,88

Sept. 26, 1863.

"We the undersigned legatees accept the foregoing administrator's acc. of M. Damron as a final settlement and release him from any further liability and desire the same to be placed upon record having received our distribution shares of the money.

"GEO. H. DAMRON, in my own right.
GEO. H. DAMRON, guardian for F.A. & J.E. Huckstep.
J. E. HUCKSTEP
JOSHUA B. OGLESBY
ANDREW M. KYLE

CHARLES D. DAMRON
HENRY A. WHITE, guardian for Catharine and Sally Margaret White
M. DAMRON, in my own right and as guardian for Wm. Norvell

"Sept. 26, 1863.

"To amount received for property sold this day	$1,124.50
"Amt. received of Geo. H. Damron for bonds,rents, calf, hog, etc.	398.97
Amt. received for side of leather	47.12
" " Howard Martin's bonus (bond?)	95.00
" " A. M. Kyle	193.25
Total	$ 2,377.84

"At a Court held for the County of Amherst on the 16th day of July, 1866, this account of settlement of the estate of Mary E. Damron decd. was this day returned to court and ordered to be recorded. Test. GEO. DANIEL, JR. C."

INVENTORY OF MARY E. DAMERON, AMHERST COUNTY, VA.
(Will Book 17, p. 108, Amherst Co., Va.)

"The following is a list of the property belonging to the estate of Mary E. Damron & appraised by us on the 26th day of Sept. 1865, pursuant to the annexed order of County Court of Amherst County. One Grub hoe, One Hilling hoe, etc." total $512.50. Signed S. R. WORTHAM, A. COX, JAMES S. PERSON.

"At Court held for County of Amherst on the 16th day of July, 1866, this inventory and appraisement of the Estate of Mary E. Damron decd. was this day returned to Court & ordered to be recorded. Teste. GEORGE DANIEL, JR., CLK.

M. E. DAMRON--LIST SALES--WILL BOOK 17, p. 109.

"The following is a list of personal property sold by M. Damron, adm. of Mary E. Damron decd. on the 26th day of September, 1863, at public auction for cash.

2 pr. and irons, Geo. H. Damron	$3.75	1 torlitt, M. N. Damron	$ 2.25
1 big pot & hooks, Wm. W. Martin	4.00	2 curtains, M. N. Damron	17.00
1 dinner pot, Ann Kyle	4.25	2 white curtains, Geo. H. Damron	20.00
1 chain & hammer, Geo. H. Damron	2.00	4 pillow cases, M. Damron	2.25
1 Hilling hoe, Edward Fletcher	3.25	1 calico counterpain, Geo. H. D.	6.00
1 Matock, Geo. H. Damron	5.00	1 comfort, M. Damron	17.00
1 shovel & tongs, Edward Fletcher	1.25	1 comfort, Geo. H. Damron	12.00
1 axe, Edward Fletcher	2.50	6 chairs, M. Damron	30.00
1 baker, A. M. Kyle	1.00	1 clock, M. Damron	20.00
1 baker, M. Damron.	1.00	1 cutting knife, Geo. H. Damron	3.50
1 sifter & water bucket, Geo. H. Damron	8.00	1 waiter, Geo. H. Damron	8.00
1 waiter and biscuit cutter, Geo. H. Damron	1.50	Total.	$ 1,124.50
1 wash bowl, sugar & teapot, Geo. H. Damron	" 5.50		
1 Coffee pot & tea pot	" 19.50		
2 sugar bowls	" 20.00		
1 butter knife	" 5.00		
1 coffee mill	" 1.00		
2 pitchers & 9 plates	" 25.25		
9 plates	" 33.00		
1 Lornig (?)	" 2.00		

"At a court held for the County of Amherst on the 16th day of July, 1866, this list of sales of the estate of Mary E. Damron decd. was this day returned to Court and ordered to be recorded. Teste.
GEO. DANIEL, JR. C."

(Note by A.A. This was a long list and only the items were copied relating to Damerons.)

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WILL OF CHARLES J. DAMERON, OF BEDFORD COUNTY, VA. 1912
(Will Book 24, p. 147, Amherst County, Va.)

"Will of Charles J. Dameron of Big Island, Bedford County, Virginia, being of sound mind but bad health I do hereby make this my last will & testament . . . all just debts be paid...2nd, all my estate, real & personal owned by me in the county of Amherst, Va. I bequeath to my wife, Lucy J. Dameron, Margaret L. Dameron and James E. Dameron, each to have share and share alike. Given under my hand, 10th August, 1912. C. J. DAMERON."

"In Clerk's office of Circuit Court of Amherst County on the 21st day of Sept. 1912, proved and recorded," etc.

ZACHARIAH DAMRON--GUARDIANSHIP BOND, 1842

(Will Book 11, p. 9, Amherst Co.,Va.)

"Know all men by these presents that we Ralph C. Shelton and Edwin Shelton are held and firmly bound unto William M. Waller, Jonas Pierce, Zach Drummond and Isaac R. Reynolds, Gentlemen Justices of the Court of Amherst County now sitting in the sum of one thousand dollars lawful money of Virginia to be paid to the said Justices and their successors in office for the payment thereof well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves and each of us over and each of our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severally, firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated the 17th day of January, 1842, and in the 66th year of the Commonwealth. The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Ralph C. Shelton, guardian of ZACHARIAH DAMRON, ORPHAN OF CHARLES DAMRON, deceased shall faithfully execute his office as guardian of the said Zachariah Damron as required by law then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

RALPH C. SHELTON (SEAL)
EDWIN S. SHELTON (SEAL)

"At a Court held for Amherst County on the 17th day of January, 1842, this bond was acknowledged in open Court by the parties & ordered to be recorded.

Teste. SAM M. GARLAND, CK."

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WILL OF ANN H. DAMERON, WIFE OF MALACHI DAMERON, AMHERST COUNTY, VA., 1891

(Will Book 23, p. 168,Amherst Co., Va.)

"In the name of God, Amen, being of sound mind I make this my last will and testament, revoking all others. 1st, I will and bequeath to my children, namely Catherine S. Burford, Texas A. Hughes, Mary E. Lewis, Lucy McDameron, Willie P. Oglesby and my son Zach E. Dameron,all of my property to have and to hold in fee simple which property is to be equally divided between them each one herein named. Should my husband Malachi Dameron be the longest liver he is to have a support from said property his life time if he requires it. But the property cannot be used for any of his debts now due or any debt he may hereafter contract. Given under my hand this 26th day of January, 1891.

ANN H. (HER MARK) DAMERON
C. J. DAMERON

Test. J. T. RUCKER
C. J. DAMERON

"At a court held for the County of Amherst on the 15th day of February, 1892, on the motion of Catherine S. Burford, Texas A. Hughes, Mary E. Lewis, Lucy M. Dameron, Willie Oglesby and Zack E. Dameron, the last will and testament of Ann H. Dameron dec'd was produced in court and proved by the oaths of J.T. Rucker and C. J. Dameron, the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Test. CH. L. ELLIS, CLERK."

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GEORGE H. DAMERON--CONSTABLE'S BOND, 1858, AMHERST CO., VA.

(Will Book 14, p. 574, Amherst Co., Va.)

"Know all men by these presents that we George H. Damron and M. Dameron and S.R. Wortham are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia in the sum of two thousand dollars to be paid to the Commonwealth aforesaid for the payment whereof well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and each . . . etc. . . . on the 21st day of June, 1858.

GEO. H. DAMRON (SEAL)
M. DAMRON (SEAL)
SAML. R. WORTHAM (SEAL)"

Recorded 21 June, 1858, Teste. Saml. M. Garland, Clk.

THE WILL OF ZACHARIAH DAMERON, AMHERST COUNTY, VIRGINIA, 1891

"I, being in sound mind on the 10th day of April, 1891, and being in advanced years and knowing the uncertainty of life, have concluded to make my will as I believe it to be the duty of mankind to provide for his family the best he can and above all his beloved wife, in case of being the first to die. MY WILL IS AS FOLLOWS:

"If I shall die before my beloved wife, I wish her to have the full use of all property that I may own at the time of my death of every name and nature just as long as she lives single; but if she should ever conclude to marry again she must then give up all property of every name and nature except what the state laws of Virginia allows in such cases, and she must care for my two boys until they are twenty-one years of age, and for Gertrude, my youngest daughter, until she is married. Now as to the division of my property among my children after carrying out to the letter, the foregoing part of this will to my beloved wife, in every sence, I want a perfect equal division to cents worth, by first paying to my last children as much as the first has had and which is charged to them on a Memorandum Book that my beloved wife I hope if she should find herself able to do so and all my children that I hold bonds or accounts against that are not charged or mentioned just as they read on the foregoing mentioned Memorandum Book must pay them over to their mother with the interest on them from their dates, which is justice to all, and if they fail to pay them and interest they must loose whatever it be in amount in a final division. Given under my hand and seal this 10th April 1891.

Test. RICHARD A. HUGHES. A. DAMERON (SEAL)
Test. JOS. E. JENNINGS.
Test. R. NEWMAN ELLIS.

"VIRGINIA: AT A COUNTY COURT begun & held for the County of Amherst on the 16th day of April, 1894: A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Z. Dameron, decd., was this day produced in Court and proved by the oath of Jas. E. Jennings, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who also proved the presence at the execution of said will of Richard A. Hughes, one of the other subscribing witnesses thereto, and the said James E. Jennings further deposed and says: that he is well acquainted with the testator's hand writing and thereby believes the said writing, and the name thereto subscribed, to be wholly written by the testator's own hand, whereupon the said writing is ordered to be recorded as the true last will and testament of the said Z. Dameron, decd. and thereupon Margaret W. Dameron, widow of said decedent, was permitted to qualify as administrator with his will annexed, and, having made oath thereto together with H.D. Dameron & C. W. Dameron, her securities, who justified as to their sufficiencys entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of ($500) ive Hundred Dollars, conditioned according to law, which is ordered to be recorded. Certificate is granted the said Margaret M. Dameron forobtaining letters of administration of the estate of said decedent, with his will annexed in due form.

Will Book 23, p. 406. Teste. WM. SANDIDGE, CLERK."

(Note: The above Zachariah Dameron and Malachi were twins--fought in the Civil War. They were the sons of Charles Dameron and Mary E. MacGann. Zachariah married Margaret Rucker 1847 in Bedford Co., Va. andhad nine children. Charles Dameron was the son of Dunmore Dameron and Lucy Thomas. He was born 1780 in Albemarle County, Va. and resided in Amherst Co. Dunmore was the descendant of Lazarus Dameron and Elizabeth Smith who came to Albemarle before 1746, where Lazarus died in 1749. Lazarus was the son of George Dameron of Northumberland County, Va. who inherited the Guarding Point estate on Chesapeake Bay from his father Lawrence Dameron who came to Northumberland County before 1652.)

AMHERST COUNTY, VIRGINIA, MARRIAGES

DATE	HUSBAND	WIFE	PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF WIFE	WITNESS
1787, Mar. 23.	William Dammeron	Susanna Lee (widow);	Joshua Shelton, John Taliaferro, George Lee, Joseph Dawson	
1803, Dec. 21.	John Henderson	Sally Damron;	Michel Damron;	George Marshall (or) John Dameron, S. Garland, Lucy Dameron
1804, Nov. 5.	James T. Damron	Levina Baily.		William Bailey, S. Garland
1819, Dec. 4.	Geo. Damron (in bond, but Chas. is name at end of bond	Polly Magan		McGhan, Jos. (at top of bond); Magann, Jos. (at end " ".)
1805, Feb. 2.	David Henderson	Lucy Damron;	Michael Damron;	William Matthews, James B. Edwards, Dunmore Damron, Jas. Burrus
1813, Aug. 16.	William Knight	Susanna D. Damron;	Lucy Damron;	Elias Wills; A.B. Davis, John Damron
1813, Feb. 15.	John Damron	Phoebe Goodrich;	Edmd. Goodrich (consent of);	Elias Wills, Thomas Goodrich, A.B. Davies, Gideon C. Goodrich
1817, Feb. 4.	David Glass	Patsy Damron;	Lucy Damron;	Elias Wills, John C. White
1840, Nov.13.	George C. Huckstep	Lucy T. Damron;	Mary E. Damron;	Hugh Snead.
1847, Nov. 15.	H.A. White	E. P. Damron.		
1849, Jan. 15.	Thos. S. Norvell	Mary J. Damron		
Jan. 16, 1849,	Norvell S. Thomas	Mary E. Dameron,	Security John D. Beard, Jene Keeley	
1847, Nov. 15.	Henry A. White	Elizabeth P. Damron		Ralph C. Shelton.
1852, Oct. 15.	George H. Damron	Frances A. Scott,	minister,	T.F. Martin.
1856, Feb. 2.	Jas. D. Damron	Mary Thomas		
1869, Feb. 16.	Charles D. Dameron	Millie Joiner.		
1877, Dec. 15.	Chas. T. Dameron	Mary C. White.		
1889, Sept. 16.	Robert L. Dameron	Maggie N. Eubank.		
1895, Feb. 20.	Herbert D. Dameron	Emma P. Wortham.		
1895, Oct. 19.	Zachari C. Dameron	Annie Bell Hill.		
1896, Apr. 10.	Robert D. Dameron	Lizzie T. White.		
1902, Feb. 3.	Edward Lee Dameron	Mary Leigh Harvey.		
1903, Aug. 6.	Chas. Josiah Dameron	Lucy Jackson Kent.		
1904, Dec. 3.	Robert Lee Dameron	Kate Bell Kent.		
1927, Feb. 22.	George L. Dameron	Virdie Massie Mays.		

No date. Dameron (or Desmon), Wiatt--Polly Goodrich, parent or guardian of husband, John. Parent or guardian of wife ____, Sec. & Witness. Wm. Crawford.

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WILL OF MILDRED DAMERON, AMHERST COUNTY, VA. 1916
(Will Book 24, p. 209, Amherst County, Va.)

The children named are Mary Dameron, Anna D. White, Chas. P. Dameron, T.S. Dameron, R. P. Dameron, H.B. Dameron, Geo. L. Dameron, Joyner T. Dameron, Grace Dameron. Executors: George L. and Mary Dameron. (Signed) MILDRED DAMERON.

Witnesses: Francis C. Addison, Seldon Harrison.

"At court in Amherst County, June 15th, 1916. Teste. W. E. SANDIDGE, CLK."

NOTES ON ALBEMARLE, CHARLOTTE AND CUMBERLAND PARISH

We have noted that George Dameron had land on both sides of the river, and in 1755 had a patent for 400 acres on Hardware River and Briery Creek in Albemarle, next to Hugh Morris. (Mary Morris was witness to Richard's will.)

He probably had a son George and one Charles, both in the Revolution. I found a pension file on Charles Dameron in the National Archives in Washington, File 4173. Polly Damron, widow of Charles (Rev. War Vol. A, p. 167), sent her petition for pension through the Jefferson, Georgia, agent to Congress. She said her name was Polly Mays, married by John Foster, J.P. of Columbia, formerly Richmond County, Ga. to Charles Damron, and a note adds "office was burnt where the records were kept." She received $80 per annum, commencing Sept. 4, 1847. Her petition dated Jan. 7, 1845, age 80, of Jackson County, Ga. says her husband "was a private in the War of the Revolution and served in Captain Lane's Company of Regulars (or Continentals) in the 2d Regiment, and was a citizen (to the best of her recollection) of the County of Albemarle, State of Virginia, when he entered the service, that he came in the army to Georgia and was in various battles against the British." An affidavit by George W. Moore, age 69, says Charles Damron had three children. George Damron died 20 May, 1788. His wife gave William Mays of Harris County, Ga. as reference on her marriage. A document in the file says: "Charles Damron was wounded in an action on Brier Creek and was at that time in Col. Elbert's Regiment and has now two ulcers open in his right arm in consequence of a wound he received in the aforesaid action. I think he is entitled to a pension of five dollars per month, 8th Aug. 1786." This is by the Justice for Richmond County, Ga. For further details see the section on the Damerons in the Revolution.

The Hardware River region was cut off into Fluvanna and in the Marriage Bonds of Fluvanna County, Va. prior to 1801, compiled by the Misses Curry, I found Dunmore Dameron married Patsey Cox, daughter of George, July 26, 1798, bond John Davis (?). The same reference gave John Ladd m. Ann W. Moore, Bond Thos. Johnson, Oct. 12, 1796.

In the Fluvanna Deeds I found Michael Dameron deeding land to Branson Laking, 1793-1801, Deed Book 3, p. 364. Robert S. Damron deeded to Lewis Abraham 1876-1880, Book 22. John Ladd deeded to John Hurd, Book 1, 1777-1783, and also there are deeds by John Ladd to George Corn and Jehosaphat Ladd, and a deed to A. Ladd from John Ladd. The Fluvanna Order Book 1770-1791 had no Dameron in the index (Reel 16.) Index to Wills of Fluvanna (Reel 15, 1776-1949) had nothing. Mrs. Pearce wrote: "From Albemarle County, I have, I believe, everything except the court minutes. I had a genealogist do extensive work there for me." Mariam Damron Cropper has also checked Albemarle records. Mrs. Pearce says: "I think one son of Lazarus, went to Montgomery County, Va." I checked also the Albemarle Wills & Deeds, 1748-52.

In this general region of the Damerons, we find the Ladds were close neighbors as Amos Ladd had a grant on the Hardware. Other names nearby were Moon, or Wood, Wm. Carrington, John Nicholas, Andrew Read, Baber, etc.

There is some confusion on the subject of "Cumberland Parish" which is in Lunenburg County, and "Cumberland Church." There is a reprint from the Farmville Herald, Apr. 13, 1934, by Dr. J.D. Eggleston, "The Beginnings of Old Briery and Cumberland Churches." These are in the general region around here. Eggleston says that between 1755 and 1760 Briery Church was established by Rev. Robt. Henry and Rev. Wm. Robertson, pioneer Presbyterians who went in 1742 to theSouth Side of the James etc. and to Hanover County, then on to N.C. on the How (? unreadable). John Caldwell, Scotch-Irish Presbyterian, brought a colony of Presbyterians to Charlotte Co., Va. and churches started 1738 at Cub Creek et

In 1747 "the great Samuel Davis preached in Briery," to fifteen or twenty families in Cumberland. (Charlotte was in Lunenburg then, taken over in 1765.) This congregation was on the headwaters of Briery, Prince Edward. The section of the pamphlet on "Old Cumberland" says interest began in 1743 in Presbyterianism when David preached there, many Scotch-Irish being in Lunenburg. It gives the minutes of the Cumberland group.

In 1774 Cumberland and Briery were together, hence this Cumberland Church could not be far from the other one. Eggleston said the Session books of Old Briery and Cumberland Churches had been found since he wrote his article, so I looked them up in the Virginia State Library, and found the Cumberland part too late to be of use. "The Session Book of Briery Church for 80 Years, 1760-1840," says it was established by the first Presbyterian minister, Samuel Davis, at Hanover in 1747, at the head of Briery River for the inhabitants of Charlotte. James Foster and Clement Read subscribed for a fund for the church, also Jno. Foster, Jno. Williams, Baker DeGraffenreid. Read was in Lunenburg and the chief person in the Cumberland Parish church activities. In 1774 Cumberland and Briery were together and in 1791 the boundary was determined at Briery and Cub Creek, running from Jennings Mill and the Charlotte Courthouse. In 1794 Mathew Lyle was minister.

In Lunenburg County Cumberland Parish was bordered by the Meherrin River on the south 1746 and Flat Rock Creek and Stony Creek are included in it, where the Moodys lived, who were "Cumberland Presbyterians" like the Youngs etc. St. James Parish is next to Cumberland, 1861, and Roanoke Creek is in Cornwall Parish, 1757. Randolphs were of Cumberland Parish originally, and I believe it once took in a very large territory and was later cut down. L.C. Bell has a book called "Cumberland Parish," and he lives now in Arlington, Va. The vestrymen in Cumberland Parish, Lunenburg, were Edw. Broadnax, John Ragsdale, William Gee, James Sturdivant, John Jennings, Niblett, etc. John Fleming lived there, Lowry Booker, Francis Cooper, Henry Gill etc.

The problem is that Mrs. Pearce said that about twenty years ago she took down a note that Anna Ladd and John Damron were married in "Cumberland Parish." Mariam Damron Cropper also has a note that Judith Dameron and Noble Ladd were married in "Cumberland Parish," though I found their first child, Constantine, born 1753 in Goochland. There were Ladds in Cumberland Church for the son of William Ladd, Thomas, born 1773, was on the "Cumberland Church Vestry" record. However, theLadds were Quakers, as a rule, and they refused to have anything to do with any religious group but their own. There were a family of Ladds in Mecklenburg on the border of Brunswick in 1785, and the group was called "Ladd's Meeting." (See the Ladd genealogy.)

I found Sarah Dameron 1797 on a deed in Charlotte County, selling a tract of land with Robt. Ligon, Carrington, etc. (p. 433, Ligon Genealogy). I found a Charles Dameron in Nelson County, near Albemarle, 1810 Census, also John Q. and William.

Mrs. Pearce says: "That Charles Dameron of Albemarle County, Va. (he left there 1776, his mother was a Miss Morris) located in Jackson County, Ga. living there when he got Land grant in 1827, in Lee County, but he died in Jackson County; have his marriage, bride's name, etc. I have also worked on the Morris Line of Virginia but no results." Mariam Damron Cropper says "There was a Charles Damron, son of Wilson, in Johnson County, Illinois, along with our John."

PART ONE: NOTES ON ALBEMARLE, CHARLOTTE AND CUMBERLAND PARISH:

The following notes were sent by Ruth Damron Dorius on Albemarle County, Va.:

1799 Bk. 13, p. 93, Valentine Shultz from Charles Yancy; says Shultz came from York County, Penn.

1749, 14 Nov. Indenture between Geo. Damron of St. Anns Parish and James Peter, 147 acres of land granted to Geo. Damron by patent bearing, date Dec. 1748, in Albemarle Co, on south side Fluvanna River; George appeared in court with wife Anne Thone Dameron who relinquished her right of dower to estate conveyed to James Peter. (Wife's name not clear: written Anne Tuone, Thone etc.) Page 137,Bk.1.

1767, 8 Aug. 1767 (Bk. 4, p. 421), between George Damron of Buckingham Co. and Geo. Hilton for 50 lb. George granted 300 acres in Albemarle Co.

1750, Bk. 1, p. 232-33. Noble Ladd of St. Anns Parish and Peter Jefferson, 27 Aug. 1750, for 105 pds. Va. money. Plantation to Jefferson situated in St. Ann's Parish on South side of James River. (Peter Jefferson was father of President Thomas Jefferson,7 years old at this time.)

1776, Book 7, p.3: 22 Oct. 1776, between Charles Damron and Robert Lilly for 32 pds. 10 shillings sold to Lilly 200 acres in Albemarle County, on branch of Woodson's Creek on Richard Damron's line. In presence of the Staples, Henry Wood, Wm. Rogers, and Hugh Rice Morris.

Book 7, p. 4. power of attorney by Charles Damron to Hugh Rice Morris dated 27 Oct. 1776, appointing his trusty friend and loving Uncle Hugh Rice Morris his lawful atty. to handle the Lilly land transaction. (Mary Morris was wit. on Richard Damron's will. I think Chas. was son of John.)

1750 John Damron bought 300 acres from Jno. Wheeler 13 Oct. 1750, 7 pds. money, 374 acres situated on Huff's Creek. One of the witnesses was George Dameron.

Book 1, p. 316, Amos, his son, given 300 acres of land in St. Ann's parish, in indenture between Noble Ladd and Amos Ladd, north of Fluvanna River, beginning at mouth of New Creamer Creek up the creek to corner--up back line to head of the branch that the Indian shot John Lawson at. Thence down the branch to the river, thence down the river to the mouth of the creek begun at...together with all houses, orchards, gardens, fences, ways, waters. Signed by Noble Ladd in presence of John Peter. Amos X Ladd, John X Moor.

BUCKINGHAM COUNTY: Will of John Dameron 1879, son, John B., daughters, Margarett, Nancy, Mary, Martha; James Damron 1919, wife Clementine C.

LIST OF LAND PATENTS TAKEN IN ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Albemarle was formed 1744 from Goochland where the Ladds were early settlers. The Damerons, John, Lazarus and George, all had surveys made in 1746, for patents in the new county of Albemarle near James River, and the grants were made in 1748. Lazarus and Richard died in 1749, so they must have met with some tragedy of the frontier. The following list of patentees was taken from Charles Wilder Watt's book on Early Albemarle, an unbound dissertation in the University of Virginia Library.

1722 Edward Ripping
Richard Hickman
Ralph Gough,
Fluvanna River
1723 James Skelton
1726 " "
1727 George Haomes
Nicholas Meriweather
1729 George Nichols, No. side of Fluvanna River
1730 Allen Howard, No. side Fluvanna River
1730 Thomas Carr
Charles Henderson
Frances Epes
John Carter
1733 Thomas Carr
1733 " Dansie
Charles Lynch
John Carmon N. side, Fluvanna River
Henry Ward
Charlie Hudson on Hardware River
Robert Adams
1735 John Key
Robert Davis
Thomas Jones
Daniel Besaux
William Craddack
Nicholas Meriweather, Jr.
Thomas Moreman.
James Holman.
1734 John Crawford
Nicholas Meriweather
Benj. Wheeler
Joel Terrell
David Lewis
John Crawford
Henry Wood
John Key
Charles Lynch So. of Fluvanna River
Edward Hickman
Jonathan Clark
Thomas Groves
Joseph Smith

1731 Charles Lewis
" Hudson
Thomas Carr
Christopher Clark
1732 Robert Adams
Thomas Goolsby
Robert Adams
Henry Runalds
John Key
Arthur Hopkins
Edward Scott
Timothy Dalton
Roger Thompson
1735 John Henry
" Waller
" Minor
Joseph Foster
Allen Howard
John Carter
Benjamin Wheeler
Charles Jordan
1745 John Grills
Dani[illegible]
John Heard
Nathaniel Winston
John Scott
Michael Thomas, Jr.
Richard Stockson
Thomas Williams
Robert Jones
James Coleman
John Ennis
Joseph Martin
" Phillips
John Anthony
Thomas Stockton
James Lee
William Coursey
Joseph Phillips
Samuel Dalton
" Garlick
William Bickman
John Eubank
Christopher Harris
Thomas Oglesby
" Fitzwatrick
William Lee
Joshua Fry, on lower Epes Creek

1745 Joseph Martin
Benj. Wheeler, South side Hardware River
1746 Arthur Donally
Walter Leek, Jr.
Richard Bennett
Joseph Fitzpatrick
Peter Houstone
James Wood
William Rice
Matthew Whittel
Ambrose J. Smith
William Harris
Hugh Dobbins
William Shaw
Mildred Meriweather
Joseph Anthony
Walter Leek
William Little
Mathew Jordan
John Rogers, Jr.
Alexander Patton
1747 John Carr
William Lewis, Jr.
William Keatora
James Henderson
David Kinkead
William Stith
Thomas Lankford
Gilbert Gibson
Thomas Evans
Nathaniel Winston
Benjamin Brown
John Mullins
Martin Dawson
John Whatley
" Heard
" Harris
Nathan Wood
Daniel Rees
Henry Karr
Jamuel Jemmerson
Joseph Fitzpatrick
Thomas "
John Dickey
Robert Macknoely
Hugh R. Morris
" " Morris

LIST OF LAND PATENTS TAKEN IN ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA

1747 John Rogers
Arthur Hopkins
David Mills
James Ireland
Mathew Jordan
James Ireland
Leonard Ballou
Charles Lynch
Anthony Parmley

1748 John & Eliz. Siddesdale
John Davis
Daniel Scott
Samuel Davis
Daniel Maupin
Edward Lonely
Joseph Childres
George Rogers
Giles Allegree
Michael Thomas

1749 William Phelps
Joseph Phillips
James Wood
Phillip Moody

1750 John Moore, on
Totier Creek
John Mayfield
Matthew Jordan
Ralph Jopling
Morris Burger
James Taylor
Benjamin Brown, Jr.
John Harris
Thomas Walker
John Farrar
Robert Harris
Thomas Jopling
William Woods
David Willis

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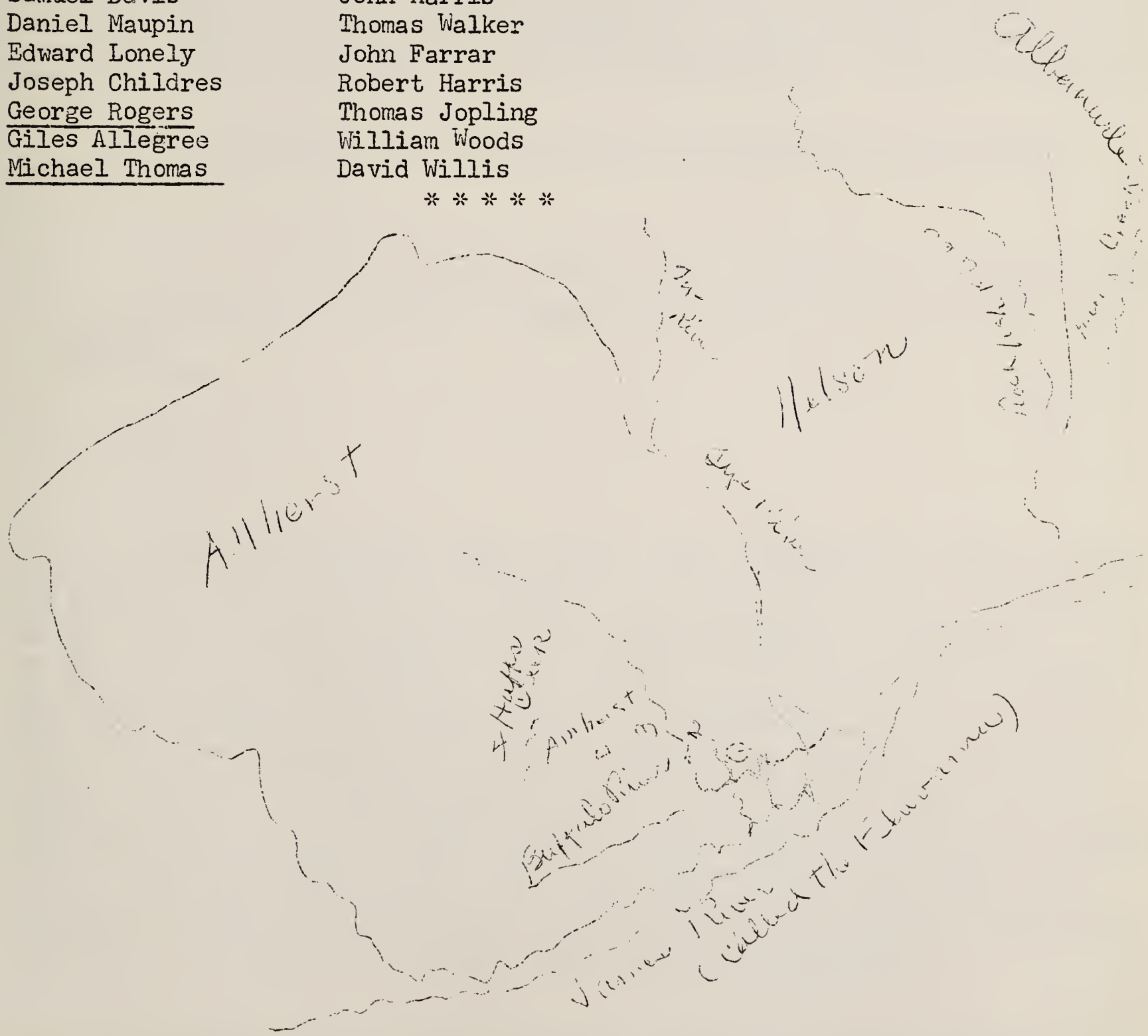
1750 Giles Allegree
William Carrell
Henry Roberts
Charles Farqusen
James Coleman
Joshua Fry
Leonard Phillips



MAP DRAWN BY ALIMAE AIKEN OF HARRISONBURG, VA. showing the creeks and streams near which the Damerons and related families took up their land.

1. Stovall's Creek.
2. Bolling's Creek.
3. Harris Creek
4. Huff's Creek.
   (John Damron's land).

(Note: The creeks 1, 2, 3 were taken from the oldest map at the University of Virginia Library, which was not divided into counties. These could be just over the line into Nelson but I think they are in Amherst. They are not marked in maps of today. 4 is one mile west of Amherst. I do not know in what direction it flows.

iii. THE DESCENDANTS OF BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON 1645-1708

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who came to Guarding Point on the Wicomico River, Wicomico Parish, in Northumberland County, Virginia, before 1652, had a wife Dorothy who died about 1692. His Will was proved Dec. 17, 1660. His children were: Bartholo George, Thomas, Lawrence Jr. and Dorothy who m. Jonas Gaskins and 2d. Samuel Mah

II. BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON, "eldest son" of Lawrence above, as shown by a Court Ord Nov. 20, 1669. Mrs. Keach says he was"b. about 1645 m. Elizabeth 1666. Depositio dated Mch. 15, 1725 gives her age as 75;" Elizabeth's inventory recorded 1728-9 In his father's Will Bartholomew received "one-halfe of five hundred acres of lan situated in great Wicocomoco which I bought of Mr. Peter Knight," George receivi the other half which included the original mansion house. In 1702 he administe the estate of his brother George.

1. Bartholomew, who was co-heir with his brother John of his father's "plantation I now live on."

2. John, of Wicomico Parish, Will 1743, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Thomas Taylo

3. Christopher, Will 1764, m. Sarah Ball; ancestors of the Brunswick County Damerons.

4. Sarah.

5. Mary.

6. Eliza.

7. Josiah, who received in his father's will "the remainder partof my land in Mattapony from his Brother Laurence up the Neck to the Extent there of." His inventory is on p. 123, Book 1726-29, where the name is Josias. Mattapony is in St. Stephen's Parish, Northumberland, where Heathsville is located. On June 18, 1713, the LastWill of Jno. Harris dec'd is presented to the Court by Sarah Haynie and George Ball, his executors, and proved by Hancock Nickless and Josiah Dameron. (P. 100, Court Records, Northumberland County.) On Oct. 4, 1710 Josiah Dameron complains of trespass against Jon. Johnson, St. Stephens Parish. On Mar. 21, 1710-11, 17.55, Josias Dameron re-records the deed of Thomas Dameron Jr. to Bartholomew Dameron; also re-records the Will of Bartholom Dameron, 22 Mar. 1710-11, 17.57. On the 8th Sept. 1712, Josiah Dameron swore Jo Coppedge delivered patent for 342 acres granted Lawrence Dameron under deed 10 Oct. 1665, Mattapony River. On 17 May, 1716, 6. 159, under entry "John Claughton, Josiah is married to the relict of Pemberton Claughton. On 21. Jan. 1718-9; 6. 29. Sarah Dawson chooses Josiah Dameron as guardian.

8. Lawrence, who has land in Mattapony next to his brother Josiah.

a. WILL OF BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA, 1708

"IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN, I, BARTHOLO. DAMERON, being in perfect memory th be to God doe make & ordain my last Will & Testament in manner & forme following I bequath my Soule to God my Creator who gave it and my body to the Earth in Chr. buryall. I give and bequeath unto my two sons Barthol & Jno. Dameron the Plantat I now live on & all my Land from the head of ye neck down wards to a line of mar Trees, which runs across the back Creek field from a part of the back Creek to the pond which belongs to the Butt known to be soe called with Land my ffather Lawrence Dameron bought of Mr. Peter Knight or by Pattent appears my above sons to have equall right & priviledge in the said Land them their heirs for ever, bu if it should please God my Son Barthol. should die wth out male heirs then whole be my son John & his heirs for ever after the death of his mother I give & beque unto my son Christopher Dameron the Remainder of my Land in this North. (Vitz.) old Plantation upwards to the line of marked trees above mentioned to him and his heirs for ever. I give and bequeath unto my Son Laurence Dameron the one-hal of a Divident of Land in Mattapony which my ffather bought of Mr. Thomas Brought by Pattent three hundred and forty two acres to him the sd. Laurence the Plantat which he now lives on & up the Neck for his part to him and his heirs for ever.

"Item, I give and bequeath unto m sons Josiah Dameron the Remainder part of my Land in Mattapony (Vitz) from his Brother Laurence up the Neck to the Extent there of to him & his heirs forever and to have priviledge for pasture with his brother for seven years.

"I Give and bequeath unto my son Bartholo. one feather bed rugg & bolster t cows two breeding sowes, one cupboard, one chest one _____ and Iron pott & a lar Bible that to be delivered at the Death of his Mother. I Give unto my son Lauren One Cow & calf besides what I have already given him _____ him carryd to his Plantation, I Give & Bequeath unto my Son Christopher One ffeather bed bolster rugg one balled fac horse with the stock of Cattle, hoggs which is known I had already given him with their future Encrease and chest & one Gunn all which he h in his possession. I give unto my son Jno. One ffeather bed rugg & bolster, Three cows & calves two Steers of five years old three leather chairs and Low bedstead which stands in R _____ One Low Table, two breeding Sows One Chest which stan in the milk house to be delivered att the death of his Mother & Two thousand pou of tobacco when hee comes to the age of one & twenty payable to him from his Brother Christopher, I Give & bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah One Cow & Calf & One Large Iron dripping pan I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Eliza. One Cow &Calf & four Ewes I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary one ffeather bed Rugg and bolster, three Cows and Silver Tankard, One Silver Tumbler, One Chest with Drawers, One Wainscoat Chest, one small Table which stands in my Room three Leather Chairs & One young mare which her brother Laurence brought from Cone. My Will is that if it should please God my Sone John should die before he attains to the age of One &Twenty or be marryed or my Daughter Mary Die before SHee marryed that then the Legasies of _____ (Land exaepted) shall be devided amongst the survivors (Vitz.) Bartholo., Christopher, & Josiah Dameron. I give and bequeath unto my Loving Wife Eliza, my Debts & Legasies being paid, the Reaminder of my Estate making her my full & whole Exor. appointing my well beloved brother Thomas Dameron to have the overwight of this my Will & to see it performed which I acknowledge to be my Last Will & Testament. In Witness hereunto I have sett my hand and affixed my Seale my will and desire concerning my land is for that if either of my Sons Laurence or Josiah Dameron should Die without Lawfull issue male that then their part of Land to fall to the survivor his Lawfull Issue male. If either of my Sons Bartholo. or Christopher or John Dameron should die without lawfull Issue male their parts of Land shall fall to the Survivor & their Lawfull Issue--

"In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & affixed my Seale this 1st day of Aug. Ano. 1708. BARTHOLO. DAMERON (YE SEALE)

Will of Bartholomew Dameron Aug. 1, 1708, cont'd.

"Signed, Sealed in ye presents of us Bartholo Scheever, Thomas Gaskins, George Dameron, John Ingram.

"Die 9 briee 17, 1708, This Will was probt. in Northumberland County Court to be the last Will and Testament of Bartholo. Damerons by the Oaths of Bartholo Scheever Thomas Gaskins & John Ingram, Witnesses there to & is admitted to record

Teste Thos. Hobson, Cl. Cur.

Die Martie 20th 1710 Copa Teste Thos. Hobson Cl. at Supr.

This copy was presented by Josiah Dameron and by the Court approved and on the said Damerons Motion the same is admitted to Record.

Teste. Tho. Hobson, Cl. Cur. Northumberland County."

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(Note: Above is in Will Book 1708-20, p. 57, dated Aug. 1, 1708, rec. Dec. 17, 1708, Northumberland County, Va.)

b. NOTES RE. BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON FROM THE NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COURT ORDERS

"Mr. Bartholomew Dameron, admr. of George Dameron to pay unto Philip Tignor & Sarah his wife late Sarah Dennis, dau. and sole heir of John Dennis, dec'd, and her Est. in the pos. of the sd. Geo. Dameron who marryed the sd. Sarah's mother & widow of the sd. John Dennis,"p. 77 (55.8), 25 Sept. 1699.

"Motion of John Ingram exor. a Probate to him on the last Will of Thomas Ingram, proved by John Harris & Barth. Dameron & Anthony Haynie," p. 79, Mar. 20 1706-7.

"Thomas Dameron Jr. D/S of Land to James Waddy att. of Bartholl Dameron as also Katherine Dameron, wife of the sd. Thomas Relinquishes her right of dower 20 March,1705-6.

"Motion of Mr. Barth. Dameron, com. of adm. on behalf of affairs of Mr. Geo. Dameron, decs." Nov. 17, 1698.

"Adm. to Elizabeth Dennis ye relict of John Dennis on his Est. Elizabeth Dennis Mr. Bartholomew Dameron, bond for Est. Mr. George Dameron, Mr. Christopher Garlington, Mr. John Pinkard and Mr. Thos. Waddy, to appt. Est." p. 3, 19 March 1678-9.

"Motion of Mr. Barth. Dameron, com. of Adm. on behalf of the orphanes of George Dameron, decs." Nov. 17, 1698.

"Probate of Last Will of Bartholl Dameron decd. to Elizabeth Dameron exr. proved by Bartholl Shreever, Thomas Gaskins, John Ingram." Nov. 17, 1708.

"Barthol. Dameron, Barthol. Shrever, Thos. Gaskins, Thos. Knight & Mannice Jones, any 4, to app. est. of Mr. Tho. Winter." p. 70, May 18, 1704.

I have not seen any proof that the daughter of Christopher Garlington was the wife of Bartholomew Damron, Will 1708,but this is thought possible by several persons as noted elsewhere in this mss. Mrs. Cornelius found the will of a second Christopher Garlington probably in Northumberland County Book 1706-20, p. 210, Will May 18, 1709, no date of recording, sons Christopher Garlington, Samuel Garlington, William Garlington, wife,Mary Garlington; daus. Frances Garlington and Sarah Jones; executors brother Maurice Jones, wife Mary Garlington, son Christopher Garlington. She noted: "Due to the destruction of records in the Clerk's Office 1710 by fire, this will was destroyed and re-recorded and no witness names are given and no date that it was recorded. There was a Garlington and perhaps his name was Christopher before this one, and it may be it was his daughter that married Bartho. Dameron."

She also found the proof that the Christopher Dameron of Brunswick County was the son of Bartholomew there--which I had been guessing for a long time--which means he was brother of Alexander Dameron of Brunswick. Brunswick County, Va. deeds show in 1770 "Bartholomew Dameron to Christopher Dameron, Parish of Saint Andrews, County of Brunswick 'the sd. Bartholomew for love and aff. which I bear unto my son the sd. Christopher Dameron." Barth. Dameron purchased from Wm. Downing adj. land of John Matthews. Wit. George Dameron, David Ball, Betty Dameron, Augustine Coppedge, James Love, Jr.

Now who is this George Dameron? Who is Betty Dameron, the other witness? Could this George be the son of William, Will 1785, whose brother Christopher had a son Alexander? I wonder if the wife of William were a dau. of Alexander Moorehead to account for the name Alexander, or the wife of Christopher Inv. 1836.

In Northumberland County, Va. Book 2, p. 8, Aug. 11, 1751, rec. Aug. 12, 1751, Mrs. Cornelius found the deed of "Stephen Mahanes letts to Christopher Dameron parcel of land lying in Wiccocomoco Parish N. side of Mill Creek during the term of eighteen years from the 25th day of Dec. next which will be the year of our Lord 1769 for the just sum of Fifteen pounds of Current money of Virginia (Except his Mother Deborah Mahanes' dower.) Signed Stephen Mahanes (S), Wit. Charles Ingram, George Dameron, Joseph Dameron."

In trying to find which Lawrence, Jr. had a wife Jane, I asked Mrs. Cornelius to check this: "I went to the clerk's office this A.M. July 6, to look up the deed of Lawrence Dameron and his wife Jane. If it is the book 1710-13 it cannot be read, the year of 1713 is all blotted with ink and the original is so badly faded it cannot be read. I tried to get enough out of one deed of the Harding family to make sense but it could not be done. There is much more here that will straighten out the Dameron family, but it is a big search. After 1800 there are more deeds and wills that will explain most of the line. I now charge $3.00 per hour."

She did find in Book 1726-29, April 11, 1727, rec. Apr. 19, 1727, the inventory of Josias Damron, signed by his Admrs. Jane Dameron, and list of personal property. This must be the former widow of Pemberton Claughton. It is unlikely that William was the son of Josiah or Josias Dameron, as he would have been too old to have had a guardian in 1742, when Christopher was guardian of William. Hence it appears William was the son of Bartholomew, Will 1735, whose will was proved by his brother Christopher.

Julia Dameron Old went to Richmond to examine the Northumberland records and found the following in the Court Orders 1729-1737, when she also proved the father of William Dameron was Lawrence, son of Bartholomew.

"The last will and testament of Bartholomew Dameron presented for court by Christopher Dameron, extr. therein named and proved by the oaths of Josias Gaskins and Thomas Dameron extr. made oath to the sd. will and is admitted to record and certificate granted to th. Extr. for obtaining letters of probate in due form, he having performed what is usual in such cases. Upon motion of Thos. Dameron, extr. of last will and testament of Barth. Dameron, dec'd, Christopher Garlington, Sam[ll] Garlington, Josias Gaskins and John Gaines or any three of them are appointed to meet some time before the next Court (being first sworn by the next justice) and appraise the estate of Barth. Dameron, dec'd,for money ordered that of (?): Exhibit and inventory thereof upon oath of the next court." (p. 189.)

Page 353 had: "The last will and testament of John Dameron, Dec. was presented to Court by Thomas Taylor, extr. therein named and proved by the oath of Josias Gaskins witness thereto."

The next County Record Book 1738-43 had an item p. 21 or 25 of a deed from Thomas Dameron to Hughlett, Christopher and Rice.

It has also on p. 255 the will of John Dameron: "I, John Dameron of the County of Northumberland . . . etc." proved July 11, 1743. The inventory on p. 265 was two and a half pages and listed 9 slaves,no other names mentioned.

The Northumberland County Record Book 1726-29 had on p. 123, an appraisal of the estate of Elizabeth Dameron 20 Nov. 1728, sworn to by Francis Waddey, Christopher Garlington, Thomas Winter." (Note by H.F.S. This was the wife of Bartholomew Dameron, said to be proved by a Garlington historian to be the daughter of Christopher Garlington, but I have not seen the proof. Mrs. Keach says they were married 1666, but Leo Holz noted: "Have you ever tried to coordinate the marriage date of Bartholomew and Elizabeth Garlington (1666) with the dates of birth of their children? Christopher who married Sarah Ball was born about 1700.")

Page 63-a, ibid. has the inventory of Josiah Dameron, 11th day of April, 1727.. obedience to order of court bearing date 15th March 1726-27 of Peter Presly... have appraised the estate of Josias Dameron. (items named), signed, James Lamkin, Richard Claughton, Robert Hurst (?), sec. Jane Dameron. This inventory of the estate of Josias Dameron dec'd was (?) into the Northumberland County Court by Jane Dameron admr. of the said dec'd and is admitted to record. To p. in parte of the aforesaid Josias Dameron's debts to Capt. J. Cralle, To Joseph Miller, to Chas.Fallon to be paid by myself. Extr. Jane Dameron.

P. 52 had a deed bet. Charles Dameron &. George Ball, 62-a, 18th day of Apr. 1727, between George Ball of one part and Charles Dameron of the other part... sell unto said Charles Dameron and his heirs forever beginning at a line of Josias Gaskins, being part of land the said Ball bought of John Bledsoe 62 a. of land with edifices, orchards, woods, timber and timber trees, with waters, privileges and advantages etc. to said Charles Dameron and his heirs.

The Orders 1743-49 had references to Moses Dameron, J.Dameron, Sarah, Thomas, Barth. etc. but Julia Old did not have time to copy down the references. On p. 9 is a deposition of Thos. Dameron between Haynie and Moorehead.

1. LAWRENCE DAMERON, SON OF BARTHOLOMEW

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON who came to Guarding Point, Northumberland County, before 16

II. BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON, Will 1708, of Wicomico Parish, Northumberland.

III. LAWRENCE DAMERON, son of Bartholomew, mentioned in his father's will: "I gi unto my son Laurence One Cow & calf besides what I have already given him* carryed to his Plantation." He also gives his son Josiah "the Remainder part of my land in Mattapony (Vitz.) from his Brother Laurence up the Neck to the Extent there of to him & his heirs forever and to have priviledge for pasture with his brother for seven years." This is in St. Stephens Parish, near Heathsville.

The Northumberland County Court Orders have an item referring to Lawrence Dame and his wife Jane, circa. 1713, 16 May, 1717, 6. 213. See entry, Stephen Kean.

The Orders also have an item 1 Aug. 1708, 17.57, "Lawrence, son of Barth. grandson of Lawrence, formerly bought a mare from Coxe."

There is also a reference to Lawrence Dameron "Land adj. Jno. Claughton in Mattapony Neck, St. Stephens Parish, 18 Jan. 1707-8; 17. 89."

May 17, 1711, "Mary Hamlett, orphan, to serve Lawrence Dameron." She is daughter of John Hamlett.

(Note: Above references are taken from Fleet's Northumbria Collectanea, 1645. In his introduction, Fleet says "the cruelty and general vulgarity of our ancestors from Northumberland was shocking." Beverly Fleet's address in 1938 when he "translated" these items was Box 161, West End Sta., Richmond, Va. I noticed an item in 1707, p. 82, when Hull bequeathed "one young Indian slave" to his daughter. Another on p. 71, in 1704, shows "Anne Smyth aged 4 years with the consent of her mother to serve Phill. Bussell.")

I will note here the names of some genealogists on the Northern Neck:

Mrs. J.H. Cornelius, Heathsville, Va. on Northumberland County, who did much of the research for this book for me.

Mrs. Lucy Brown Beal, Hague, Virginia, on Westmoreland County.

Mrs. Chidester T. Pierce, Nuttsville, Virginia, on Lancaster County.

Mrs. Thomas Lomax Hunter, King George, Virginia, knows the history of that region.

Recently the Northern Neck Historical Society was formed with a fee of $3 a year, and all descendants of these fam ilies are invited to join. All of the above women are active in this organization.

2. JOHN DAMERON AND ELIZABETH TAYLOR

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, and his wife Dorothy, who came to Wicomico Parish before 165

II. BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON, Will 1708, which gives to his son John half his plantati in Northumberland County and also "One ffeather bed, Rugg & bolster Three cows & calves two Steers of five years old three leather chairs and Low bedstead which stand in R _____ One Low Table, two breeding Sows One Chest which stands in the milk house to be delivered att the death of his Mother & Two thousahd pounds of tobacco when hee comes to the age of one & twenty payable to him from his Brother Christopher."

III. JOHN DAMERON. He appears to have been the youngest son as he is the only one mentioned as not yet 21 in his father's will, 1708. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Taylor. The marriage is listed in the Lancaster County Records between John Dameron of Northumberland, 1728, and Elizabeth Taylor, Thos. Edwards Security. Her Will is dated 1775 and she married 2d George Flowers. John Damer Will 1743 mentions sons, Thomas, Joseph, heir, Bartholomew, John, no daughters. Thos. Edwards was security on the marriage bond of Elizabeth Taylor Sept. 12,1728

1. Joseph Dameron. His father's Will 1743 says, "I give unto my son Joseph Dameron all that tract or Dividend of Land I now live on which my father Barthol. Dameron gave me to him & the male heirs of hid body lawfully begotten for Ever and for want of such heirs male then to my Son Thos. Dameron." He divided equally all the rest of his estate between his widow and four sons "to be delivered to either & to Every One of them as they my sd. sons shall obtain to the age of eighteen years." In case none of the sons had male heirs "then & in that case my will is that my son Joseph Damerons female heirs enjoy the said Land." Joseph mar Elizabeth Waddy, dau. of John Waddy and his wife Elizabeth, in Feb. 1757. His Wi of 1759 mentions no children but a daughter Nancy not yet eighteen, and there is no mention of his land so it must have reverted to his brothers.

2. Bartholomew. In his mother's will 1775: "I give to my son Bartholomew Dameron all the Land that my Father, Thomas Taylor, gave me lying in Lancaster County to him and his heirs likewise I give my son Bartholomew Dameron two negroes to Vitz. Josias & Juda, a woman;, and all her increase to him and his heirs." She also leaves to "my grand-daughter Eliza Waddy Dameron negro Girl May and all her Increase to her and her heirs." Bartholomew's Will Nov. 2, 1805, mentions sons Thomas and Bartholomew, son-in-law Elisha Carter--he moved to Bourbon Co.,Ky.

3. John Dameron,whose Will was proved in Halifax County, N.C. 1777 m. Sarah Tignor, or Sukey Tignor.

4. Thomas Dameron, Will 1766, of Wicomico Parish, Northumberland, gives one shilling to sons Moses, Jo., Aron, Lazarus, and to Thomas"all the rest of my estat not before given to him and his heirs for ever." No wife is mentioned. Mrs. Corne noted: "There is no division of this estate recorded, and it is doubtful there was a division. I believe this Joseph was the father of John Dameron who married Anna Ladd. I find no further mention of Moses or JosephDameron and it is doubtful they received their part of their father's estate. In Lancaster County 1790 Census there is a Moses and Aaron Dameron. In Caswell County, Yanceyville,County seat, there are Joseph Damerons in the late 1700's tax list. Also a Moses Dameron bought land in Rowan County, N.C. 1767, from William Johnson, Noble Ladd one of the witnesses."

(1) Aron.
(2) Lazarus
(3) Thomas
(4) Moses. A Moses Dameron had a sc Onesephrous b. Sept. 4, 1772,by his wife Millicent.

a. THE WILL OF JOHN DAMERON OF NORTHUMBERLAND, 1743

In the name of God Amen I John Dameron of Northumberland County being Sick and weak of Body but of perfect mind and memory praised be God for the same and calling to mind the uncertainty of this Life I do make and ordain this my last will &Testament, Imprimis, I bequeath my soul to God that gave it me in full and certain hopes of pardon of all my Sins through the merits of my dear Lord and blessed Saviour Jesus Christ and my Body to the Earth to be Buried at the discretion of my Exectrs. here after mentioned and for what worldly Goods it hath pleased God to bless me with, vitz. Item I give unto my son Joseph Dameron all that tract or Dividend of Land I now live on which my father Bartho. gave me* to him & the male heirs of mis body lawfully begotten for ever and for want of such heirs male then to my Son Thos. Dameron and the male heirs of his afore sd. forever & for want of such heirs male of my son Thos. then to my son John Dameron and the maleheirs of his body as afore sd. for ever, But & if it should so happen that neither of my three Sons, Joseph, Thomas, & John Dameron have any heirs male then & in that case my will is that my son Joseph Damerons female heirs Enjoy the said Land in the same manner as the male heir and for want of such female to descend to the females in the same manner as before directed to the male heirs afore said, Item, I give unto my son Thos. Dameron one negro woman Hannah & her increase to him & his heirs for ever, Item, I give unto my son Bartholomew three thousand pounds of Tobacco to be paid by my son Joseph Dameron, Item, I give all my negroes & personal Estate of what nature or kind so ever to be equally divided between my loving wife Elizabeth Dameron & my four sons Joseph, John, Thos, and Bartholomew & their heirs for ever to be delivered to either & to Every One of them as they my sd. sons shall obtain to the age of Eighteen years & further my will is that my loving wife Elizabeth Dameron have my negro woman Judy in her part of her part of my negroes & her future increase to her & her heirs for ever, Item, Lastly I appoint Thos. Taylor & my wife Exec. & Exectrix. of this my last will & Testament I do here by confirm this to be my Last Will & Testament In Witness where of I have here unto set my hand & Seal this 18th Day of Decr. Anno Dom. 1742.

JOHN DAMERON (SEALE)

Witness--Josias Gaskins
John Ingram
Christopher Dameron

"July 11, 1743, This will was proved in Northumberland County Court to be the last will and Testament of John Dameron dec'd by the oaths of Josias Gaskins one of the witnesses there to & Thos. Taylor one of the Exects. there in named made oath to the sd. will on whose motion the same is admitted to Record--

Teste.
JAMES FONTAINE Cl. Cur.

(*Note: The above underlined words were interlined in the original will. This was taken from Book 1738-43, p. 255.) The same book p. 265a, on July 11, 1743, has the "Inventory of John Dameron dec'd appraisers Thos. Winter, Henry Miller, John Waddy. Recorded July 12, 1743.

In 1765 Martha Miller willed for "love and affection to my nephew Barth. Dameron, son of my sister Eliz. Flowers."

"In Obedience to an order of Northumberland Court dated the 8th day of April 1745 on the motion of George Flowers & Elizabeth his wife Late widow and Extrx. of John Dameron Dec'd we the subscribers have met and appraised the sd dec'd Estate in Money as follows--

(A list of personal estate is given.)

"11th of May 1745

HENRY MILLER
THOS. WINTER
JOHN WADDY

"George Flowers & Elizabeth Flowers Extrs.

"May 13th, 1745 This Inventory of the Estate of John Dameron Dec'd was exhibited unto Northumberland County Court by George Flowers & Eliza. his wife Exrs. of the sd. Dec'd & on their motion admitted to record."

(Note: This appraisal is found in Book 1743-49, p. 81.)

"In Obedience to the Afore said order of the Northumberland Court the 8th of April 1745 on the motion of George Flowers & Elizabeth his wife Late widow and Extrx. of John Dameron Dec'd we the Subscribers have met & appraised & let a part & possessed the sd Geo. Flowers with his wifes part of the late John Dameron dec'd Estate according to the will & order of Court as follows--

(A List of her part of sd. dec'd Estate.)

"May 11, 1745.

HENRY MILLER
THOS. WINTER
JOHN WADDY.

"May 13, 1745. This Report & Division of the Estate of John Dameron Dec'd was Exhibited unto Northumberland County Court by Henry Miller, Thos. Winter & John Waddy & ordered to be Recorded.

Teste. JAMES FONTAINE Cl. Cur.

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b. THE WILL OF ELIZABETH FLOWERS, WIDOW OF JOHN DAMERON, 1775

"In the Name of God Amen I Elizabeth Flowers of the County of Northumberland being sick and weak of Body but of sound mind and Memory thanks be to God do make this my last will and Testament in manner following, Vitz. I Commit my Soul to God my Creator and my body to the earth its original being fully assured that the sacrafice of Christ is worthy Exp iation for the sins of the faithfull and there fore hope that my Soul and body will have a joyfull meeting att the Resurrection of the Just by the Merits and mediation and Intercession of our Compleate Redeemer the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen--

"I give to my son Bartholomew Dameron all the Land that my Father Thomas Taylor gave me lying in Lancaster County to him and his heirs like wise I give my son Bartholomew Dameron two negroes to vitz. Josias & Juda a woman and all her Increase to him and his heirs and all my moveable Estate, Item, I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Eliza Waddy Dameron my negro girl May and all her Increase to her and her heirs. It is my will that my Estate shall not be appraised

"In Witness Where of I have here unto sett my hand and Seale the 6th day of March in the Year 1771

her
ELIZABETH X FLOWERS (SEALE)
Mark

"Signed Sealed & Delivered in presence of

"Teste.

George Dameron
Sarah Swain
Betty Gill

"At a Court held for Northumberland County the 9th day of January, 1775, this last will and Testament of Eliza. Flowers was this day Presented in Court by Bartholomew Dameron the Exer. there in named who made oath.there to according to law & being proved by the oaths of Sarah Swain & BettyGill two of the Witnesses there to was admitted to Record and on the motion of the sd. Exer. giving Security Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate there of in due form.

Teste. THOS. JONES CNC

"Note by J.H.C.: "Elizabeth(Taylor)Dameron Flowers was the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Taylor, will 1751, Lancaster County, Virginia."

Taken from Book 9, p. 516, March 6, 1771, rec. Jan. 9, 1775.

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c. THE WILL OF THOMAS DAMERON OF WICOMICO PARISH, 1766

"In the name of God Amen 20th day of March in the year of our Lord God 1766, I Thomas Dameron Senr. of Wiccomoco Parish in the County of Northumberland being very sick & weak but in perfect mind and memory thanks be to God I do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner and form following that is to say First and chiefly I give my Soul unto the hands of Almighty God who gave it me and my body I commend to the Earth to be Decently buryed in Christian Buryall at the Discreation of my Executors and Nothing (doubting?) but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God as touching my worldly Estate where with it hath been pleased God to bless me with I give devise bequeath and dispose the same in manner and form following---

"Item I give my son Moses Dameron one Shilling no more.

"Item I give unto my son Jo^v Dameron one Shilling and no more.

"Item I give unto my son Aron Dameron one Shilling and no more.

"Item,Igive my son Lazarus Dameron one Shilling and no more.

"I give unto my son Thomas Dameron all therest of my Estate not before given to him and his heirs for ever. I do appoint my son Thomas Dameron to be my whole and sole Exor. of this my Last Will and Testament, In Witness whereof I have here unto set my hand & Seale the day and year above written

THO. X DAMERON (SEALE), His Mark.

Test. David Lattimore
William Lattimore
Spencer Hurst

"At a Court Held for Northumberland County the 8th day of December 1766 this Last Will and Testament of Thomas Dameron dec'd was presented in Court by Thomas Dameron the Exor. there in named who made Oath there to acoording to law and being Proved by two of the Witnesses there to Subscribed was Admitted to Record and on the motion of the sd. Execr. Giving Security Certificate is granted him for obtaining a Probate there of in Due Form--

Teste. THOS. JONES Cl. Cur."

(Northumberland County, Virginia, Book 7, p. 3. The following is taken from Book 7, p. 101:)

"Pursuant to an order of Northumberland County Court We the Subscribers being first sworn have met and appraised in Current money the Estate of Thomas Dameron dec'd as followeth.

(Here is half a page of personal property.)

"At a Court Held for Northumberland County the 10th day of August, This Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of Thomas Dameron dec'd was this day returned & by the Court ordered to be recorded.

Teste.
THOS. JONES Cl. Cur.

(Note by J.H.C. "There is no division of this estate recorded, and it is doubtful there was a division. I believe this Joseph was the father of John Dameron who married Anna Ladd. I find no further mention of Moses or Joseph Dameron and it is doubtful they received their part of their father's estate.")

(Note by H.F.S. This son was written in the original record which I saw at Heathsville, Va. "Jo^{v}" and I have often seen John written"Jo". However, Mrs. Cornelius says the clerk used this little "v" sign for "s" in other instances. Hence this would be Joseph not John in this case.)

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Mariam Damron Cropper's notes show "Deed Book 19, Lancaster County, p. 234, 20 Apr. 1780, Richard Condiff and his wife Susannah deed to Bartholomew Dameron of Northumberland County, 206 acres in Lancaster, consideration 4,000 current money of Virginia. On p. 236, 20 Apr. 1780, Bartholomew Dameron and his wife Mary deed to Richard Condiff land in Lancaster County Message (?) plantation, lying in Lancaster County known as Hickory Neck."

In the Public Service Claims, 1776, for the Revolution, I found Bartholomew Dameron of Northumberland, also George Dameron, Northumberland, Com. Bk. IV,115. Onesephrous of Northumberland was also listed.

There is also a Will for Bartholomew Dameron, Sr. son of John, Nov. 2, 1805, mentioning my wife Mary, daughter Elizabeth W. Carter, son-in-law Elisha Carter, grand-daughter Maria Lunsford, my two sons Thomas and Bartholomew; "to Thomas the land whereon he now lives situated in Dameron's Neck, gr-daughter Molley Dameron. Bartholomew received whole estate after death of wife except such land and negroes given before this. Exrs. Capt. Thos. Hurst, David Ball, Jr. & 2 sons.

Test, Devin Robinson
William Harlikers
Spencer Hurst

At a Court Held for Northumberland County the 8th day of December 1761.

This Day with and Judgment of Thomas Cameron Gent'l was presented in Court by Thomas Dameron the Son, Gunner in Capt. Rob Ruth Shore to accounting to be one being proved by two of the Witnesses Sworn to Subscribed was Judged to record and on the motion of the ad. Robert Clarke Gentleman, is granted him for obtaining a Probate Copy of in the Form.

Test, Rob. Ch. Cl.

(Northumberland County, Virginia, Book 7, p. 7. The Inventory is taken from Book 7, p. 101:)

"Pursuant to an Order of Northumberland County Court to me Subscribers being first sworn have met and appraised in Current money the estate of Thomas Cameron dec'd as follows:

(Here is half a page of personal property.)

At a Court Held for Northumberland. Court the 10th day of August, This Inventory and appraisement of the estate of Thomas Cameron dec'd was this day returned & by the Court ordered to be recorded.

Test.
Rob. Ch. Cl.

(Note by A.R.C. "There is no division of this estate recorded, but it is doubtful there was a division. I believe this Robert was the father of John Cameron who married Ann Lee. I find no further records of Ann or Lee Cameron and it is doubtful they remained members of their Church."]

(Note by A.R.C. "The son was written in the original record only I not at Heathville, Va. "Rob" was a Lee name also and "Robert". Therefore, Commissioner says the clerk made a mistake "Rob" also for "Ch" in other instances. Hence this would be Joseph not John in this case.)

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During Colonel Cameron's years as "Lord Cam 19, Lancaster County, p. 1[illegible] 20 Apr. 1760, Richard Corbin and his wife conveyed land to Robert Cameron of Northumberland County, 200 acres in Lancaster, [illegible] County of Virginia. on p. 1[illegible] 20 Apr. 1760, Richard Corbin [illegible] land to Robert Cameron of Lancaster County [illegible] lying in Lancaster County, [illegible]."

In the Fairfax Barrens Claims, 1771 [illegible] Lancaster County, 1 [illegible] Cameron of Northumberland. [illegible] Cameron of Northumberland was also [illegible].

There is also a Mr. Lee [illegible] Lee of Lees. Mr. L. Lee, [illegible] by [illegible], Thomas Lee [illegible] Lee [illegible] Lee [illegible]

d. THE WILL OF JOSEPH DAMERON OF NORTHUMBERLAND, 1759

"IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN I Joseph Dameron of Northl'd being in perfeat sence and memory praised be to God for the same but calling to mind the uncertainty of this life that is but a blast I do there fore make & ordain this my last will & Testament in manner & form following-- Impr. I give & bequeath my Soul to Almighty God that gave it me in full and certain hopes of pardon and remission for all my sins in and through the merits of my dear Lord & Blessed saviour Jesus Christ and my Body to the Earth to be buried at the discreation of my Executors named & for what worldly goods it hath pleased God to bless me with I give as followeth, Vitz. Item, I give unto my loving wife Elizabeth and my daughter Nancy all the negroes and their Increase that I had by my wife Elizabeth to be Equally divided between my said wife & daughter when my said daughter Nancy arrives to the age of Eighteen years or day or marriage to them and their heirs but in Case my daughter Nancy should depart this life before she arrives to the age of Eighteen years or day of marriage then I give all the said negroes to my said wife Elizabeth & her heirs for ever.

"Item, I give unto my Loving Wife Elizabeth the use of my negro man Isaac During her natural life & after the death of my said wife the sd. negro man Isaac to my daughter Nancy but in Case my Daughter Nancy should die before she arrives to the age of Eighteen years or marriage then I give the said negro Isaac to my brother Thomas Dameron & his heirs for ever. Item, I Give unto my Brother Bartholomew Dameron my part of the negroes that belongs to me out of my father's Estate to him & his heirs and also my Gray horse in lieu of the Tobacco due from me by my father's will to my sd. Brother Bartholomew, Item, I give unto my brother-in-law Thos. Waddy--my-- Saddle & Bridle, Item, I give unto my loving wife Elizabeth and my Daughter Nancy all my Estate not before given to be Equally divided Between them when my said Daughter arrives of age or day of marriage to themand their heirs. Lastly I appoint Thomas Waddy and David Ball Junr. Executors of this my last Will and Testament in Witness where of I have here unto Set my hand & Seal this sixteenth Day of November, 1759.

JOSEPH DAMERON (SS)

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged in presence of
Teste.

David Ball
Thos. Dameron
Rodham Lunsford

"At a Court Held for Northumberland County the 10th day of December 1759 This Last Will and Testament of Joseph Dameron dec'd was this day presented in Court by Thos. Waddy & David Ball Junr. the Exors there in named who made Oath there to According to Law & the same being proved by the oaths of Thos. Dameron & Rodham Lunsford two of the witness there to & was ordered to be recorded and on the Motion of the said Executors a Certificate as granted them for obtaining a probate there of in due uform.

Teste.
THOS. JONES CL. CUR.

(Note: Above was taken from Book 5, p. 155, Northumberland Records.)

"In obedience to an order of Northl'd Court the 10th day of December, 1759, We the subscribers did meet at the house of Elizabeth Flowers and did possess Thos. Waddy and David Ball Executors of Joseph Dameron dec'd with his part of his dec'd fathers Estate According to the will of said Dec'd, vitz. to one negro man James of the value L50.00.

"To cash due from his Brother Bartholomew to make up his part of the negroes in Equal value 3.6.8.

"To Personal Estate Amounting to 28.6.16.

"Given under our Hands this Eleventh day of Feby. 1760.

GEORGE BALL
THOS. GASKINS
FRANS. TIMBERLAKE

(Note: Above was taken from Book 5, p. 173, Northumberland Records.)

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"DIVISION OF JOHN AND JOSEPH DAMERON ESTATES.

"At a Court Held for Northumberland County 11th day of February, 1760, This report was this day returned & ordered to be Recorded.

Teste. Tho. Jones Cl. Cur.

"In Obedience to an Order of Northl'd County Court dated the 10th day of December, 1759,

"We the Subscribers met at the house of Joseph Dameron dec'd and being first sworn before GeorgeBall Gent. appraised the Estate of the said dec'd as followeth.

(List of personal property follows.)

GEORGE DAMERON
JOSEPH MOTT
BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON

"Thomas Waddy)
David Ball Jr.) Exors.

"At a Court held for Northl'd County the 9th day of June 1760. This Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of Joseph Dameron dec'd was this day returned and Ordered to be recorded.

Teste.

THOS. JONES CL. CUR.

(Note: Above were from Book 5, p. 242, Northumberland County Records.)

(Note by J.H.C.: The estate of John Dameron d. 1743 was not divided until his son Joseph died. I have not found out what became of his land. There is no mention of it in his will--Joseph's. It may be George Flowers got the land. This often happened when the widow married a second time in those days. The above Joseph m. Elizabeth Waddy, Feb. 1757, dau. of John Waddy and his wife, Elizabeth.) Mrs. Pearce says Joseph m. Elizabeth Waddy but as a widow she m. Lewis Lunsford 1765 and they moved to Kentucky.

(1) JOHN DAMERON AND SARAH TIGNOR OF HALIFAX COUNTY, N.C.

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who came to Wicomico Parish, Northumberland County, Va. befo

II. BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON, son of Lawrence, Will 1708, names his son John, of Wicomi who married Elizabeth Taylor, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Taylor, Will 1751, Lancaster County, Va., her second husband being George Flowers.

III. JOHN DAMERON, above mentioned, of Wicomico, Will 1743, who m. Elizabeth Taylo

IV. JOHN DAMERON, JR., Will dated May 1, 1777, proved August, 1778, Halifax Count mentioning wife Sarah, Will Book 2, p. 82:

"In the name of God Amen, I JOHN DAMERON of County of Halifax, being sick and weak but of perfect mind and Memory do make and Ordain this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form as followeth, viz:

"Item I give and bequeath to my loving wife Sarah Dameron all my estate durin her widowhood or life. Item I give and bequeath to my son Tignor Dameron one shill sterling to him and his heirs forever. Item. I give and bequeath to my son Christ p her Dameron the Manour plantation whereon I now live to him and his heirs foreve and my desire is that if Christopher die without heir of his body then the Land fa to my son John Dameron and if he die without heirs of his body then the Land be divided between my two daughters Sarah and Judith.

"Item. I give to my son Joseph Dameron one shilling sterling to him and his heirs for ever. Item. I give to my daughter Betty Williams one cow and calf to her and her heirs forever..Item my desire is that all my movable Estate except the above mentioned Legacies should be equally divided among my four youngest childre Sarah & Judith, Christopher and John Dameron after my wifes death or marriage and I do appoint my friend Elijah Humphries and Spencer Hurst my Executors to this my last will and Testament disannuling all other.wills by me made as Witness my hand and seal this the 1st day of May AnnoDomini 1777.

JOHN DAMERON (Seal)

Test:

ISAAC HUCK

BENJAMINE CROXTON
JOHN STEPHENS

"Halifax Ss. August, 1778: Then this will was exhibited in Open Court and proved by Benjamine Croxton a witness thereto in due form of Law, whereupon Elijah Humphries qualified as Executor and on Motion Ordered to be recorded.

Test--B. McCulloch, C.Ct."

Children of above John Dameron were:

1. Christopher, heir.
2. Joseph.
3. John.
4. Sarah.
5. Judith
6. Betty m. Williams.
7. Tignor, who sold land in 1791, Halifax N.C. He was a Revolutionary soldier.

Let us look at some of the items about the Tignors:

The Northumberland Court Orders show: "Mr. Barthol. Dameron admr. of Georg Dameron to pay unto Philip Tignor and Sarah his wife late Sarah Dennis dau and sole heir of John Dennis, decd & her est. in the pos. of the sd. Geo. Dameron who marryed sd Sarah's mother & widow of the sd John Dennis." p. 55, 25 Sept. 16

"George Dameron, permitted to bring Dennis Tignor, orphan son of Phillip Tignor, to next court for examination." Sept. 1716, 6. 182. (Fleet comments: "De got a little out of hand.") George Dameron, Phillip Tignor orphan bound to him 16 Jan. 1716-17, 6. 187." Pages 32, 33, Fleet, Northumberia Collecteana.

On 19 March, 1684-5, Wm. Tignor has oath on Will of Rich. Lugg. On 15 Jan 1678-9, Wm. Tignor is on a bond for Edward Coles.

On 15 Apr. 1702, p. 197 "Motion of Mrs. Anne Tignor exr. Probate to her of the Last Will of her decd husband Mr. Wm. Tignor. Then 18 Feb. 1702-3, p. 66: "Motion of Ann Dawson, late Ann Tignor, exr. of William Tignor decd. & the appr. of his Est."

May 23, 1707, has"Dennis ffallen, adm. of Elizabeth his wife late Elizabeth Tignor vs. Rich. Robinson."

Book I, p. 293, Division of Tignor Estate. "Pursuant to an order of the co Dated the 11th day of March, 1750-1, We the subscribers did meet at the Plantati of Phillip Tignor and did possess Phillip Tignor Guardian to Sukey Tignor Orphan of the aforesaid Phillip Part of her Deceased Fathers Estate as Likewise the Legacies hereafter.

Stephen Haynie
Peter Hayes
Jonathan Betts

"At a Court held for North'd County, the 8th day of April, 1751, This divis: of the Estate of Phillip Tignor Deceased to Phillip Tignor Guardian to Sukey Ti, orphan of the aforesd Phillip was this day returned & ordered to be recorded."

"Northumberland County, Va. Book II, p. 200, Martha Tignor, abstract of Will Oct. 7, 1750, rec. Jan. 14, 1750-1." Names her daus. Sukey & Sarah Toulson, m. George Toulson, sons James & Phillip.

"Northumberland County, Virginia. Book 6, p. 214, May 12, 1762, rec. May 9, : John Dameron possessed with his wife's part of her father's estate." Note by Mrs. Cornelius: "The above John Dameron m. Sukey Tignor or Sarah Tignor."

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"Halifax County, N.C. Deed Book 8, p. 234, Jan. 14, 1763, rec. Jan. Ct. 176: John Sulevant of one part to John Dameron of the other part for 10 lbs. Proclama: ey deeds tract 100 acres, in Pror. of N.C. in Halifax County, Edgecombe Parish, Beg. hea of Watery Branch of Rocky Swamp sd. land grtd. to John Sulevant by pat. dated March 16, 1761. Wit. Elijah Humphries, James Simmons."

Note by Mrs. Cornelius: "There is not a marriage bond here for John Dameron a: Sukey or Sarah Tignor due to the loss of so many early records and marriage bond: The record where John Dameron is possessed with his wife's part of her father's estate does not give her name and the court order the same way, not complete at all."

According to Jennie Harding Cornelius, "John Dameron who married Sarah Tignor, Book 6, p. 214, was possessed with his wife's estate but did not name her. I do not have any positive proof due to the Court order and records not being complete, that is in mentioning John Dameron's wife's name. Martha Tignor, Will 1750-1, the wife of a Phillip Tignor in her will names a daughter Suckey and one Sarah Toulson. This Tignor family had a way of naming two of their children the same name. John Dameron bought land in Halifax County, N.C. 1763 and he is given possession of his wife's estate in 1763. His son, John, is not your ancestor as you can see from these dates...Your book will be a very valuable book to all concerned if you get the correct data with dates and where it came from. The Dameron family were some of the best people here in this country, and there was only one Dameron that had a grant before 1661."

I also wrote to Marybelle Delamar, Box 305, Raleigh, N.C. and she replied that there is no marriage bond for Anna Ladd and John Dameron in North Carolina. She did not search the Tignor line as we had already dropped it.

Mrs. Cornelius wrote also: "I have on my desk St. Stephens Parish Register which is said not to be depended on for accuracy, which I know it cannot be in many cases, but I find this Suckey or Luckey it is in the register, Tignor, was born Oct. 30, 1735, so she was twenty-one years of age 1756. In those days a woman did not take care of her property which remained in the guardian's hands until she married in many cases, and this is what happened in the Tignor family. She lived with her brother after her mother's death, and I feel sure John Dameron went to North Carolina, found what he wanted in property, came back and married Suckey or Luckey and went down there to live, but I do not think he or she is your ancestor, he naming his oldes t son Joseph."

During the search for John Dameron who married the Tignor, Mrs. Cornelius uncovered some Tignor information. There was a Sarah Tignor, daughter of James who d. 1787 in Craven Coun ty, N.C. and she married King. There was also a William Tignor, who was the son of James Tignor d. 1749, Craven County, N.C. and this "James went from Northumberland County." The above Sarah Tignor married Edward C. King in Craven County, N.C. As to James Tignor d. Craven County, 1749, Mrs. Cornelius says: "I have an abstract of his will. He does not mention a daughter Sarah. It could be he had provided for her, and she had married and left the county." We also searched in Surry County for the marriage bond of Anna Ladd and John Dameron,but did not find it. I wrote to the clerk of Warren County, N.C. but received no reply.

Mrs. Cornelius says the James Tignor d. Craven County, N.C. 1749, "had sons Thomas, William and Toulson," and James whose will she found.

John Dameron above did not inherit land from his father's estate.

NOTES ON THE TIGNORS OF VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA

Nell Elkins Pearce sent me the following from Grimes, p. 377: Craven County, N.C. Will of James Tignor, Nov. 20, 1749, prob. Mch. 20, 1749. Sons: Thomas, William, Toulson (land divided among them); daut. Mary Ann Tygner; wife & Exr. Susannah; Wits. Abner Neals, Edmund Cullen, Daniel Smith. Clerk of court, Phil. Smith. Son Thomas (above ment.) was wit. to will of Thomas Walker, Craven County, N.C. Mch. 19, 1753. James ygnor came from Northumberland to N.C.

VIRGINIA: Philip Tignal, Accomac county, 1782; William, King & Queen, 1782; Jemima Tignor, King William, 1782; Thomas Tignor, Thomas Tignor, King William, 1782. From Virginia Taxes.

From Virginia Census 1782 to 1785: George Tygnor, Northumberland County, also James, James (with 9 in family, this must be the Sr.), Philip.

(Note by H.F.S. In the 1810 Census I found Thomas Tignor in Hanover Co., Va.)

NORTH CAROLINA: 1790 Census: Thomas Tigner, Craven County, William Tigner, Iredell County. Roster of Soldiers of N.C. in the Rev. War: William Tygner, Arthur, Arthur Pearce Tyner, Benjamine, Daniel, Hardy, Nicholas.

TIGNOR WILLS listed in Torrence are: Lancaster 1651, Inv., Northumberland 1702, Martha 1750-1, Philip, 1776, Jas. 1777 inventory.

PART ONE:

THE DAMERONS OF ALLEGHANY COUNTY, VIRGINIA

The Damerons of Alleghany County, Va. are descendants of the Revolutionary soldier, Joseph Dameron. Kegley's Virginia Frontier has Jbseph Damerell (the name was often spelled this way, especially by the Lazarus Dameron family of Albemarle), a member of the militia, 1783, in Capt. Pryor's Company, p. 452, on James River, Botetourt County. The Botetourt Marriage Register shows: John Damron m. Molly Hardy 22 Mar. 1796, Security Thomas Hardy, minister Edward Mitchell. Sally Dameral above age of 21, m. Jos. Hamilton, 11 March, 1800, Christopher Dameron, affirmation as to age, Ezekial Williams, security.

The Centennial History of Alleghany Co., Va., p. 129,says: "The Damrons have been a prominent family of Dunlap Creek. John died 1828. His wife was Polly and his children were: Elizabeth, Joseph, John, William and Andrew and Christopher. Elizabeth married Thomas Smith. Joseph was a lawyer. Page 154, surveyors: Joseph Damron 1824-33, Andrew Damron, 1838. P. 66 Joseph and Andrew Damron on first school commission of the county. P. 140, the residents in 1840 included Andrew, Christopher, Isaac P., Joseph and William Dameron. (V. 3, Va. Collections, 17 W. (1) 242.) Page 150 Justices: Joseph Damron 1827, Andrew Damron 1838. Page 65, the Methodist Episcopal Church was located at Damrons, in the west part of the county.

Page 198: Joseph and Andrew Damron, delegates from Alleghany, were of an old family in the east of Virginia. Page 146, Isaac Damron m. Margaret Bennett of Sampson, 1855. (Mrs. Jewell gives this as Margaret Benner, Alleghany Marriages.)

Page 161: Soldiers of the War of 1861, Company G 22d Reg. "Rocky Point Grays" of Alleghany County: Henry C. Damron enlisted 1861, Lewisburg, died of disease. Stannard Damron, discharged 1863. William Damron. Samuel A. Damron.

A note from Ruth Dorius says: "The Damerons lived in Covington town." A John Dameron was in Monroe County,W.Va. 1820.

Pendleton County, Va. Aurelia M. Jewell sent a note from the History of Hancock County, Ill., by W. Gregg, p. 700 (200?), Wm. P. Damron, native of Pendleton County, Va., b. 3/7/1833, son of George H. and Jane (Lyon) Dameron, natives of Va., m. Catherine E. Segar, native of N.J. Ch. Lena L. and Wm. H.

The ancestry of this family is as follows:

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, wife Dorothy, of Northumberland County, Va.

II. BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON, m. Elizabeth, perhaps. dau. of Christopher Garlington.

III. JOHN, Will 1743, in Wicomico Parish, Northumberland, m. Elizabeth Taylor. Their children were Bartholomew, Will, 1807, whose descendants went to Bourbon Co., Ky., Joseph of Northumberland, Will 1759, m. Elizabeth Waddy, and had daughter, Nancy; John m. Sarah Tignor. He d. 1777, Halifax Co., N.C. His sons Joseph and John went to Green County, Jefferson County, and Lincoln County, Tennessee, and descendants live now at Elora, Tenn.; Thomas Dameron, Will 1766.

IV. THOMAS, Will 1766, Wicomico Parish, Northu;mberland Co., Va. had sons Thomas, sole heir in will, Lazarus, Jo., Aron and Moses, several Revolutionary soldiers.

V. Jo. or Joseph, in his father's will, 1766, went to Botetourt County, Va. where he was in the militia 1783, in Capt. Pryor's Company on James River. He seems to have had a son Joseph, Jr., one Andrew, one John m. Molly Hardy, d. 1828.

3. THE BRUNSWICK COUNTY DAMERONS, DESCENDANTS OF SARAH BALL AND CHRISTOPHER DAMERON

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, of Wicomico Parish, Northumberland County, who came to Virginia before 1652, his wife being named Dorothy. Their children were: Bartholomew,eldest son, George, Thomas, Lawrence, Jr. and Dorothy m. Josias Gaskins and Samuel Mahan.

II. BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON 1645-1708, m. Elizabeth in 1666. Their children were: Bartholomew, Sarah, John of Wicomico Will 1743, Mary, Lawrence, Josiah, Christopher and Eliza. His will in Northumberland County was in 1708.

III. CHRISTOPHER DAMERON, son of above Bartholomew and grandson of the above Lawrence Dameron. He married Sarah Ball, who went to Brunswick County, Virginia,after the death of her husband in 1764 when his will was proved in Northumberland. She was the sixth child of Captain George Ball of Wicomico Parish, Northumberland County, and his wife Grace Haynie, daughter of Anthony and Sarah (Harris) Haynie. "Sarah (Harris) Haynie married second Francis Waddy. This is the reason some of the family think George Ball married twice, but he married only once. It was Sarah (Harris) Haynie who married twice," as stated by Jennie Harding Cornelius who has cleared up the confusion around this family connection. The will of George Ball 1746 named his"mother-in-law, Sarah Waddy, wife Grace" and"daughter Sarah Dameron," as well as sons John Ball, David Ball, George Ball, Joseph Ball, Richard Ball. The father of Sarah Ball,who married Christopher Dameron,was a first cousin of Mary Ball who married Augustine Washington and became the mother of General George Washington. The genealogy runs like this:

I. COL. WILLIAM BALL, who came to Virginia about 1650 with the royalists who escaped from Cromwell in the civil war in England. He settled in Lancaster County on the Corotoman River. On July 2, 1638, he married in London Hannah Atherold or Atherall. Their children were:

1. Richard, died in infancy.
2. William b. Jan. 2nd, 1641, in England, d. Sept. 30, 1694. His first wife was named Williamson and his second Harris and in 1675 he married Margaret Downman. He inherited the famous mansion "Millenbeck," and was a Burgess from Lancaster County.

   (1) Capt. George Ball b. cir. 1683, son of above William[2] and grandson of William[1], married Grace Haynie. Their daughter was: Sarah Ball who m. Christopher Dameron.
3. Joseph b. May 25, 1649, d. June, 1711, married,first in 1675 Elizabeth Romney and,second, Mrs. Mary Johnson. Mrs. Johnson had only one child, Mary b. 1707-8, d. Aug. 25, 1789, m. March 6, 1730-1, Augustine Washington, their son being George Washington. Joseph lived at Epping Forest, in Lancaster County, and the house where Mary lived is still standing.

   (2) Mary, mother of George Washington. She was a famous beauty and belle.

4. Hannah Ball b. March 12, 1650, m.July 22, 1670, Captain David Fox. They lived at Monaskon in Lancaster County, Virginia, near Millenbeck.

The above information was taken from Colonel William Ball of Virginia, The Great-Grandfather of Washington, by Earl L.W. Heck, 1928, London. Hayden's Virginia Genealogies also has an account but Hayden made so many mistakes that at present the D.A.R. will not accept his genealogies unsupported. There is a tradition in the Ball family that they are descended from the famous John Ball of Kent d. 1381. The Encyclopedia Britannica says of him: "Ball, John, an English priest who took a prominent part in the peasant revolt in 1381... He gained considerable fame as a preacher by expounding the doctrines of John Wycliffe, but especially by his insistence on the principle of social equality. ... on three occasions he was committed to prison... in 1366 all persons were forbidden tohear him preach.... he was quickly released by the Kentish rebels (1381)... When the Kentish rebels dispersed Ball fled to the midland counties, but was taken prisoner at Coventry and executed in the presence of Richard II, on July 15, 1381."

The estate of Captain George Ball was in Ball's Neck and adjoined that of Lawrence Dameron's descendants. When I went there in 1952, there was no house on this Ball place but only a high shaft in the middle of the cemetery which says: The Line of Ball of Northumberland County springs from Col. William Ball of Millenbeck, Lancaster County. By his sonCapt. George Ball the family was established here on the place known as Bay View. This place Cresfield is part of the original Bay View and in this burial ground lie the remains of the following: Captain William Ball, born in England June 2, 1641, died in Lancaster County, Va. Sept. 30, 1694, and his wife Harris and his second wife Margaret Downman. Their son Capt. George Ball 1683-1746 and his wife _____ Haynie and his second wife, Grace Waddy. Their son Capt. George Ball _____ 1770, and his wife Ann Taylor of Lancaster County. Their son Capt. David Ball 1735-1811 and his wife Hannah Haynie and others." This is an error that Capt. George had two wives, as already noted.

Fleet's Northumbria Collectanea, 1645-1720, has an item V. 20, p. 125 of the record: "Harris John, Will, 23 Feb. 1709-10,-prob.18 June, 1713, great age. To daughter Sarah Haynie any slave she may choose, refers to her husband Anthony Haynie and their daughter, Grace Ball 'my grand-daughter.' Exors. daughter Grace Haynie and grandson George Ball." The Northumberland County Orders, show that on June 18, 1713 "Last will of Jno. Harris dec'd presented by Sarah Haynie & George Ball, his exors. Proved by Hancock Nickless and Josiah Dameron." Josiah was the brother of Christopher who married Sarah Ball.

The Northumberland County Orders 1678-1713, by L.O. Duvall, also have an item: p. 97. "John Bashford, orph't of Simon Bashford dec'd and Christopher Dameron his Guardian." P. 99, 1712, "John Bashford, orphan of Simon, and Grace his wife, dec'd, age 14, 1708, chose Christopher Dameron Guardian; chose H... Robert Carter, Guardian." Another item from the same reference is p. 71: "19 July 1704, John Bashford, age 11, and Rebecca Bashford, age 5, orphans of Simon, to serve Bartholomew Dameron, the boy till 21 and the girl till 18." P. 78 had, "Pet. of John Haynie for wife Mary portion of estate of Richard and Thomas Sadler, she being heir, 23 Nov. 1706."

The Will of Christopher Dameron, 1764, Northumberland, does not mention his son Christopher, as he had died in 1762. It mentions wife Sarah, children Bartholomew, eldest, to whom the land is entailed; Elizabeth Coppedge, Sarah Lattimore, John, Joseph, Samuel, Grace and Mary, last three the youngest.

The children of Sarah Ball and Christopher Dameron were:

1. BARTHOLOMEW. His father's will says "all the land I live on is entailed to him and his Uncle Bartho. Dameron dec'd has given him negroes," 1764. He was, therefore, the eldest son, unless Christopher was who died before his father. He married Anne Moorehead, b. about 1732, and their son was Alexander b. about 1765, who married Becky Lightfoot about 1768. The Family Bible Record of W. H. Dameron lists the death of Battholomew Dameron at 1792. He lived in Brunswick County, Va.

2. CHRISTOPHER, not mentioned in his father's will, as he died earlier, his will being dated May 10, 1762, and proved by oaths of Bartholomew Dameron and Rodham Lunsford. Christopher's will mentions only one child, to whom he gives a negro. This was Joseph.

3. JOHN, who was already married and had received his share of his estate before 1764 when his father's will was made. He married Rachel Palmer of Lancaster County, Va., who died 1796. John died 1782, and his will mentions sons Samuel and John, estate to be divided equally. Rachel's will of 1796 mentions daughters Jemima Webb and Hannah Webb, and brother Lott Palmer. Both were of Lancaster County--John and Rachel Dameron of the wills above mentioned. Rachel was his second wife.

4. JOSEPH, who also went to Brunswick County. He married in 1762 Patience Coppedge.

5. SARAH. She married first,_____ Josias Gaskins and second, Lattimore.

6. ELIZABETH, married John Coppedge. (Note: "Wm. Coppage & Patience, his wife, 20 July, 1710, are mentioned in Northumberland County Orders.)

7. SAMUEL, youngest son. His father's will says: "I give unto my three children Samuel Grace & Mary Dameron all my negroes (not) before given to be equally Divided between them my said Children as they shall attain to age or day of marriage to them and their heirs for ever."

8. GRACE.

9. MARY.

A report from Anne Waller Reddy, genealogist, 1005 East Marshall Street, Richmond, 19, Virginia, says: "From my Revolutionary Files Notes on Dameron: Brunswick County, Va., Bartholomew, Christopher and Samuel Dameron, all living there 1780-81 and head of a house, else they would not have been called on for supplies to keep the army in the field." This is adequate for joining the D.A.R. and Mrs. Lester Weaver and others have joined that organization, furnishing proof of providing Revolutionary supplies. I looked up the Public Service Claims, 1776, of the Revolution and found: Bartholomew Dameron, Court Book, Cert. 1, p. 20, assignee, John Williamson; Christopher Dameron, Brunswick, p. 20, 38, Cert. 1, Com. Book, p. 110; Samuel Dameron, Brunswick, p. 72, Ct. Book. Tyler's Quarterly, v. 6, p. 106, "Persons from Brunswick County (certified) who gave aid to the American Revolution by giving supplies," this list compiled in 1782, includes Bartholomew and Christopher Dameron.

Northumberland records Aug. 11, 1750, show a deed from Stephen Mahanes to Christopher Dameron.

NOTES ON BRUNSWICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA

While I was doing research in the State Library in Richmond, Virginia, I searched the Brunswick County marriages up to 1790 and found no Damerons nor Moodys. I checked the microfilm reel of Brunswick Deeds, Book 10, Reel 19, from 1772, also, and the following references.

Barthol. Demaron to Jchn Robert Jones, 1768, V. 9, p. 275, deed for land.

John Damron from Caleb Lindsay & wife, 1769, V. 9, p. 484.

Barth. to Christopher Dameron V. 10, p. 1, 1770.

Christopher Dameron from Barth., V. 10, p. 1.

Barth. Dameron to Wm. Matthews, V. 10, p. 20, 1770.
Barth.Dameron to Geo. Trotter, V. 10, p. 503, 1772

John Damron to Barth. Dameron, V. 11, p. 48, 1773, deed.

Barth. Dameron from John Dameron, V. 11, p. 48, 1773, deed.

Christopher Dameron from James Love and wife V. 11, p. 127.
Christopher Dameron and wife to Barth. Dameron, V. 11, p. 129.

Barth. Dameron from Christopher and wife, V. 11, p. 129.

Christopher Dameron to Slowman Wynne, V. 12, p. 291, 1777.
Christopher Dameron from Elizabeth Littlepage, V. 13, p. 328, 1779.

Barth. Dameron from Thos. Jeffry, etc. V. 13, p. 375.

Samuel Dameron and wife to John Phenix, V. 2, pp. 232, 501, 1780
Samuel Dameron to Matthew Wyne & wife, V. 2, 341, 471, 1784.
Samuel Dameron from Thos. Hightower, V. 2, p. 265, 1784.
Samuel Dameron to Jos. Lyell, V. 14, p. 440, 1788.

Barth.Damron to John Haskins, V. 14, p. 522.
Samuel Dameron to John Lattimore, V. 15, pp. 131, 133, 1791.
Barth Dameron to Wm. Elnore, V. 15, p. 168, 1791.

William Dameron from Wyatt Ellis, Atty. V. 31, p. 557, 1839.
William H. Dameron and wife to R.Hitchcock and wife, 1840, V. 32, p. 154-5.
Elizabeth Dameron from D.J. Johnson v. 32, p. 445, 1842.
William H. Dameron, A.W. Field & Co., V. 33, p. 286, 1843; also deed to William H. Dameron in 1845.
William H. Dameron from A.A. Jackson, 1866.

In the Brunswick County Wills I found:

Alexander Dameron, Book 9, p. 237, year 1823, with inventory.
Blanche Dameron, Book 14, p. 234, year 1845, with inventory
Ezra, Inventory, V. 10, p. 62, 1825.
Joseph H. Will, 1812.
Elizabeth, Will 1875, V. 20, p. 381.
Bartholomew, Will, 1877, V. 20, p. 427.

a. THE WILL OF CHRISTOPHER DAMERON OF NORTHUMBERLAND, 1764

"IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN I CHRISTOPHER DAMERON of the County of Northumberland being in perfect sence and memory of mind Praised be to God but calling to mind the uncertainty of this life that it is but a blast I do there fore make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in Manner and form following, Imprs. I give and bequeath my Soul to Almighty God that gave it me in full and Certain hopes of pardon and remission for all Sins through the merits of my Dear Lord and blessed Saviour Jesus Christ and my body to the Earth to be buried at the Discretion of my Executors here after named & for what worldly goods it hath Pleased God to bless me with I give as followeth, Vitz.--

"Item I give unto my loving Wife Sarah Dameron three negroes Vitz. Jack Nan & Moll & their future increase & she my said wife Sarah to give the negroes Nan and Moll & their future Increase to Such of my children as she shall think proper at her death and the negro Jack after the death of my wife I give to my son Bartholomew Dameron he my son Bartho. Paying the Value of sd. Jack at the time he shall receive him to the rest of my children that I have left my Estate to be divided amongst.

"Item I give unto my son Bartholomew Dameron one negro man Roger & five shillings Currt. money, it is not for anyDisrespect that I have for my son Bartho. but that all the land I live on is Intailed to him and his Uncle Bartho. Dameron dec'd has given him negroes.

"Item I give unto my Daughter Elizabeth Copedge One negro Girle named Easter to her and her heirs the rest of her part of my Estate she has already Received when she married John Copedge dec'd.

"Item I give unto my Daughter Sarah Lattimore five shillings Currt. money the rest of her part of my Estate she has already received.when she married Josias Gaskins dec'd.

"Item I give to my son John Dameron five shillings Currt. money the rest of his part of my Estate he received when he married--

"Item I give unto my son Joseph Dameron five shillings Currt. money the rest of his part of my Estate he already received--

"Item I give unto my son Samuel Dameron onenegro named Sorofee & her Increase to him & his heirs for ever--

"Item I give unto my three children Samuel Grace & Mary Dameron all my negroes before given to be equally divided betweenthem my said Children as they shall attain to age or day of marriage to them and their heirs for ever--

"Item I give unto my loving Wife Sarah and my three children Samuel Grace and Mary Dameron all my personal Estate not before given to be Equally divided as they my children shall attain to age or day of marriage.

"Item, My Will and desire is that my Estate be not appraised.

WILL OF CHRISTOPHER DAMERON.

"Item Lastly I appoint Capt George Ball and Capt David Ball & Bartho. Dameron Executors of this my last will & Testament Revoking all formerly made wills by me made As Witness my hand and Seale this 28th day of June 1763.

CHRISTOPHER (X) DAMERON (Seale)

"Signed Sealed & Published to be my Last will in presence of

"Teste:
William Chilton
Rodham Lunsford
Joseph Dameron

(Note: The above was taken from Book 6, p. 337, Northumberland County Records.)

(Note by J.H.C. You will note Bartholomew Dameron, the brother of Christopher, had died but there is not a will or inventory recorded here. The above Christopher Dameron married Sarah Ball. Her father left a will.)

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The Will of George Ball is in Northumberland County Book 1743-49, p. 144a, and an abstract was sent by J.H.C. "Names his Mother-in-law Sarah Waddy, wife Grace, sons John Ball, David Ball, George Ball, Joseph Ball, Richard Ball, daughter Sarah Dameron--gives her a negro woman Arabella and her daughter Franky and their increase.

"Harris Ball
Grace Burn.

"Wife Grace & son George Ball, Executors, Joseph Ball, Cousin Jesse Ball, Witness, John Ball,David Ball, Richard Ball."

(Note by J.H.C. The above George Ball m. Grace Haynie, the daughter of Anthony and Sarah (Harris) Haynie. Sarah (Harris) Haynie m. 2nd Francis Waddy.)

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The Christopher Dameron of Brunswick County, is listed in the DAR Lineage Book by Mrs. Ursel Gray Vasse, b. Randolph Co., Mo. She says he married Sarah _____, furnished supplies for the Army 1772 (?) in Brunswick County, Va. He was b. inVirginia and died in Caswell County, N.C. Bartholomew Dameron, his son, 1775-1847, m. 1798 Rebecca Malone 1781-1851.

The Pensions Declaration of Joseph Dameron of Caswell County, N.C., says he was a private under Capt. Mumford and Col. Downman, 1780, entered the militia from Amelia County, Va., first and later in 1781 joined up from Brunswick County, Va., where his "father lived" who owned the plantation in Amelia which Joseph had managed as overseer. In 1781 he marched to N.C. with Capt. Wm. Harrison and Col. Robt. Mumford, and was at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse and at Rumsour's Mills. George(Ball?) B. Dameron testified for the pension saying he was "too young" to go with Joseph into the army. Joseph Dameron in his paper no. 7129 said he was b. Feb. 2, 1763, Northumberland County, Va., lived in Amelia, then returned to Brunswick, Va. finally moving to Caswell County, N.C.

c. THE WILL OF JOHN DAMERON OF LANCASTER COUNTY, VIRGINIA, 1782

"IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN I JOHN DAMERON of Lancaster County being sick and weak in Body but of sound and perfect sense and memory thanks be to God for it, do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, First, I bequeath my Soul to God my creator, my Body to the Earth its original in hopes of this Joyful meeting after the resurrection of the Just through the mediation intersession and merits of my compleat Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Item, I give and Bequeath to my loving wife Rachel Dameron all the estate that I got by her of every kind and sort--

"Item, I give and Bequeath to my two sons Samuel Dameron and John Dameron all the rest of my Estate to be equally divided between them--

"Item, it is my desire that all my Debts due before marriage to my present wife shall be paid out of the Estate that I was formerly possessed of.

"I do here by nominate and appoint my Friend Isaac Hurst and Joseph Gaskins, Exors. of this my last Will and Testament, In Witness where of I have affixed my hand and Seal this 22nd Day of May 1782---

JOHN DAMERON (SEALE)

Signed Sealed & Published in presence of

JOHN his X mark PALMER

LOTT his X mark PALMER

"At a court held for Lancaster County the 19th day of December, 1782 This Will of John Dameron dec'd was proved by the Witnesses there of and admitted to Record.

Test. THAD. McCARTY CL. CUR.

(Note: Taken from Book 20, p. 244, Lancaster County, Va. This John was the son of Sarah Ball and Christopher Dameron. Rachel was a second wife and the sister of Lott Palmer.)

Mrs. Cornelius reported that the John Jr. mentioned in above will was married to Molly Brown. Lancaster County Marriage Bonds, 1701-1848, show this under date of 25 Sept. 1794, William Brown, Security. Also in Lancaster Thomas Dameron married Sally W. Roberts 16 Jan. 1799, Michael Wilder, Security. The above Molly Brown was "daughter of Eleanor Brown" in the bond. John Jr. died after 1800.

Mrs. Cornelius also reported: "In Northumberland County 1789 there was a John Dameron under age, and in 1771 there was a John Dameron of age."

d. THE WILL OF RACHEL DAMERON, WIFE OF JOHN, LANCASTER COUNTY, 1796

"IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN I RACHEL DAMERON in the county of Lancaster and State of Virginia being in a low state of Health but perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for the same and considering how frail and uncertain our mortal life is here on earth do make this my last Will and testament in manner and form following Viz.-- First of all I bequeath my soul to Almighty God that gave it me to dispose of at his blessed will and pleasure and my Body to be committed to the ground from whence it came to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner at the discretion of my executors hoping of a joyful meeting of soul and body at the resurrection of the just and trusting to the tender mercy of my blessed Lord and Saviour my parden may be sealed in heaven before I go hence and be no more seen and as touching my worldly estate which it hath pleased God to bestow on me, I dispose of as followeth--

"Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Hannah Webb my best bed and furniture also my mare, Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter Jemima Webb my small bed and furniture. Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Hannah Webb all the rest of my estate not already mentioned and my Will and desire is that my daughter Hannah Webb and my brother Lott Palmer should be my whole and sole executors of this my last Will and Testament and I do revoke and dis-annul all other former wills or Testaments before this made, Where unto I have set my hand and seal this seventh day of March in the year of our Lord Christ 1794.

her
RACHEL X DAMERON
mark

Witness Test.

"Lott Palmer
Betty Palmer
Dale Palmer

"At a court held for Lancaster County on the 17th day of October, 1796, This Last Will and Testament of Rachel Dameron dec'd was proved by oath of Lott Palmer and Dale Palmer witnesses there to and ordered to be recorded.

Teste.
HENRY TOWLES C.L.C.

(Note: Above will was taken from Book 28, p. 5, Lancaster County, Virginia, Records.)

(Note: This John Dameron who m. Rachel Palmer, mentioned two sonsin his will, John and Samuel. John Dameron in 1769 in Brunswick County, received a deed from Caleb Lindsay & Wife. (V. 9, p.484.) Then in 1773, John Dameron gave a deed to Bartholomew Damerin. (V. 11, p. 48.) This John could have gone to Brunswick with his brothers and decided not to stay, returning to Lancaster or Northumberland.

The Damerons of Brunswick County lived at Smoky Ordinary, a small place near Lawrenceville. Mrs. Lester Weaver told me they were Methodists in her family and one of them founded a church near there, her ancestor William H. Dameron who was a Methodist preacher.

(1) BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON OF SMOKY ORDINARY IN BRUNSWICK

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, of Wicomico Parish, Northumberland, who came to Virginia before 1652, with his wife Dorothy.

II. BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON 1645-1708, of Wicomico Parish, Northumberland. He married Elizabeth in 1666 and his brother Thomas was overseer of his Will,1708.

III. CHRISTOPHER DAMERON, Will 1764, who married Sarah Ball, cousin of Mary Ball Washington, George Washington's mother. She went with her sons to Brunswick County, Virginia. Their children were Christopher, Bartholomew, John, Joseph, Samuel, Elizabeth m. John Coppedge, Sarah m. Josias Gaskins and second, Lattimore; Grace and Mary.

IV. BARTHOLOMEW. In his father's will recorded Jan. 9, 1764, and dated June 28, 1763, we find:"Item, I give unto my son Bartholomew Dameron one negro man Roger & five shillings currt. money, it is not for any Disrespect that I have for my son Bartho. but that all the land I live on is Intailed to him and his Uncle Barthol. Dameron dec'd has given him negroes." This was in Northumberland County.

Bartholomew Dameron deeded land to John Robert Jones in 1768, in Brunswick. (V. 9, p. 275, Brunswick County Deeds.) In 1770 he deeded land to Christopher Dameron (V. 10, p. 1.) Also in 1770 he gave a deed to Wm. Matthews (V. 10, p.20.) In 1772 he gave a deed to Geo. Trotter. (V. 10, p. 503.)

In 1773, John Dameron gave a deed to Bartholomew Dameron. (V. 11, p.48.) Bartholomew also received a deed from Christopher and his wife in the index for Grantees, V. 11, p. 129, same item indexed both places. V. 14, p. 522, has a deed from Bartholomew to John Haskins, also in 1791, Bartholomew Dameron made a deed to Wm. Elnore. (V. 15, p. 168.)

The following genealogy is taken from the "Family Bible Record, published 1854, American Bible Society, N.Y. Past owner Mrs. Mary W. Cleaton, probably owned by her father, W.H. Dameron. Present owner, Miss Mary W. Fleming, 355 Lexington Road, Richmond, Va." This was given to me by Mrs. Lester Weaver, a descendant, 2801 4th Avenue, Richmond, Virginia, wife of a Methodist minister.

Bartholomew Dameron, b. approx. 1730, married Anne Moorhead, b. approx. 1732, in approx. the year 1754. Their son was Alexander. Bartholomew died 1792.

V. ALEXANDER, b. approx. 1765, d. 1823. His will is in Book 9, p. 327, Brunswick County wills, where there is also a will for Blanche Dameron 1845,* in Book 14, p. 234. He m. Becky Lightfoot 9-9-1788, b. approx. 1768. Their son was William Henry Dameron.

VI. WILLIAM HENRY DAMERON, b. April 27, 1809, d. 6-3-1892, m. Julia Mangum 12-14-1836, who was b. 3-1-1812. She d. 2-18-1892.

*Note: Anne Waller Reddy found in Lunenburg County Deeds Book 8; p. 158, Will of Elmira Lightfoot 20 Mar. 1821, leaves to Nancy Barnes my bed and furniture etc.; to Blanchey Dameron one worked counterpane and bed quilt. To Jane Lockett my blue chest, etc. Rec. 19 July, 1821.

The children of William Henry Dameron and Julia Mangum were:

1. George W. Dameron b. 7-30-1838, d. 5-22-1862, single.*

2. Joseph H. Dameron b. 8-4-1840, d. 2d or 3d month, 1912. He m. Maria Short 3-14-1866.

3. Mary Winifred Dameron b. 6-4-1842, d. 1-12-1929, in Richmond, Va. She m. Francis Hicks Cleaton 3-4-1864, who was b. 2-17-1832, Their children were: (He d. 1-22-1912, Richmond, Va.)

(1) Viola Julia Cleaton, b. August 7, 1867, m. Wm. Richard Toone 11-28-1907. He d. 3-4-1919, and was buried in Richmond, Va.

(2) Mary Thomas Cleaton, b. 8-12-1870, d. 4-4-1949, m. James A. Leach, (1891), d. 1-14-1930. Their children were:

i. Mary Elizabeth Leach
ii. Hugh Leach, m. Alice Angel.
iii. James Archibald Leach, Jr., m. Adele Hawkins, 8-15-1925.
iv. Frank Dameron Leach.
v Margaret Augusta Leach m. Sidney Vernon Moore 6-17-1933.
vi. John McIver Leach, m. Balance Taylor, of Jacksonville, Fla
vii. Alice Lanier Leach.
viii. Julia Mangum Leach.

4. William Thomas Dameron, b. 10-14-1844, d. 11-5-1863, single. "Wm. Thomas Dmeron died 11-5-1863 at Drury Bluff of typhus fever while a soldier in Conf. Army. (W. H. Dameron.) *George W. Dameron died at home of Gen. J.H. Hankins in Surry Co. 5-22-1862 of typhus fever, while a soldier in Conf. Army. (W.H.D.)"

5. John Alexander Dameron b. 12-10-1846, d. 6-8-1918, in Richmond, Va. and is buried at Warrenton, N.C. He m. Tempe B. Williams 6-14-1876.

6. Baby Dameron b. 12-30-1848 (died in infancy.)

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MARTHA HIBERNIA CLEATON AND L. F. FLEMING

VIII. Martha Hibernia Cleaton, b. 7-23-1876, daughter of above Mary Winifred Dameron and Francis Hicks Cleaton, married L.F. Fleming 6-17-1896. Lawrence F. Fleming d. 12-29-1923, in Quitman, Ga., buried in Richmond, Va. Their children were:

1. Mary Winifred Fleming.

2. Hibernia Cleaton Fleming, d. 2-9-1903, an infant.

3. Francis Elizabeth Fleming m. George Ellis Redford, Jr. Their children were: George Ellis Redford, the Third, b. 7-7-1928; Mary Frances Redford, b. 2-22-1933. Their marriage was 8-18-1925.

MARVIN CHILDS CLEATON AND SUSIE CHILDS CLEATON

VIII. Marvin Francis Cleaton, b. 9-4-1878, son of above Mary Winifred Dameron and Francis Hicks Cleaton, m. Mattie Virginia Skeen, 10-24-1907, of Covington, Va.

VIII. Susie Childs Cleaton, b. 9-11-1880, daughter of above Mary Winifred Dameron, m. Rev. Lester Weaver 6-19-1919.

Some addresses of this branch of the Damerons are these:

Walter Dameron, Smoky Ordinary, Brunswick County, Va.
Mr. M.F. Cleaton, 368 Church Avenue, S.W., Roanoke, Va.
Mr. J.A. Leach, Jr., 308 Virginia Avenue, Richmond, Va. (He is President of the Bank in Richmond.)
Mr. J. McIver Leach, Smithfield, Va. (He has family genealogy.)
Miss Mary W. Fleming, 355 Lexington Avenue, Richmond, Va.
Mrs. Lester Weaver, 2801 4th Avenue, Richmond, Va.
Mr. John A. Dameron, Petersburg, Va.
Miss Tempe Dameron, Warrenton, N.C.
J.A. Dameron, Warrenton, N.C.
Mrs. W. H. Dameron, Warrenton, N.C.
Miss Mary Leach, 4112 W. Franklin Street, Richmond, Va.

Mrs. Weaver gave me a little booklet by Lula K. Eubank of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md. called "History of the Northern Neck of Virginia, 1732-1932." This was part of a longer mss. on Northumberland and Lancaster Counties which apparently has never been published.

Mrs. Weaver told me that her family lived at Smoky Ordinary, a tiny place in Brunswick County near Lawrenceville, and that she thinks the land came down from Bartholomew Dameron. The last Dameron there is Walter. Her grandfather had a big farm there with free negroes to work it. She said William H. Dameron was a Methodist preacher near Smoky Ordinary who died 1892. He started the Methodist Church of Christ and Liberty Church grew out of this, which is now a big church with 700 members. Her grandfather gave the land and was pastor. She said her Dameron branch were all Methodists and had been in the past as long as she knew. Mrs. Weaver's husband is a retired Methodist minister who was in Clinton and Turrell, Arkansas, for many years. She showed me her family photographs and they are all good-looking people. She said the Damerons were dark but not small.

Mrs. Weaver has the Deed of Gift from Sarah Dameron, wife of Christopher, who died 1764, the deed being dated Sept. 20, 1767, in Deed Book 9, p. 61, Brunswick County Records. She gave two negroes to her son Joseph Dameron, witnesses Samuel and Christopher Dameron. I believe she said there was a Bartholomew mentioned also, but no John. This was three years after the death of Sarah Ball Dameron's husband. She said there is no will for Bartholomew of Brunswick and they don't know what happened to him. She also said that Elizabeth Coppedge and Sarah Lattimore stayed in Northumberland when the widow and her sons moved to Brunswick. Husting's Court Records, Lawrenceville, Brunswick County, Aug. 4, 1876,has the will of Elizabeth Dameron, in Will Book 20,p. 427, which probably refers to Alexander and two daughters. Court Book 1781, Public Service Claims 1920, Service Brunswick County, 1781, does not have Bartholomew Dameron's name as a Revolutionary soldier but he performed service by supplying the army. She joined the DAR on his record and is much interested in the DAR. She once tried to find another DAR member, Pensacola Damron Million (Mrs. Guy Million) at the Frederick Hotel, Booneville, Mo. but had no answer, and believes she is no longer alive. Mrs. Weaver said only two sons of William H. Dameron lived, one being John A. Dameron of Petersburg, Va. She said there are several Johns in her line of Damerons.

Brunswick County, Va. Court Order Book, sent by Annabel Walker.

Pt. 1, 1732-49, no Damerons. Pt. 2, 1751-1757, no index, no Damerons. Pt. 3, 1757, to 59, nothing. Pt. 4 had the following:

Page 313. Christopher Dameron and Bartholomew Dameron, his father and next friend, against John Willson, charge assault and bettery. Jan. 1764.

Page 310. Thomas Huson against Joseph Dameron and Swan Pritchard, debt. Def. acknowledged the debt, but Jos. said it was not as much as Huson claimed. Agreed to pay.

Page 350. Christopher Dameron by Bartholomew, his father and next friend, charges trespass and assault and battery against John Wilkenson.

Page 460. Deed of gift from Sarah Dameron of the first part and Joseph Dameron of the other part proved by oath of Bartholomew and Christopher Dameron, two of the witnesses.

Page 462. Indenture of bargain and sale between Joseph Damern and Patience his wife of the one part and Benj. Goodrich of the other part, Patience having been first privily examined as the law directs freely relinquishes her right of Dower to land.

Page 475. Chris. Dameron by his father again appears against John Willson, son of old Henry, assault and battery. Def. failed to appear. Court awarded damages to the Damerons.

Part 5, 1772-1774: Page 46. Chris. Dameron and his father against John Willson.

Page 152. Indenture of bargain and sale between Bartholomew Dameron and Geo. Trotter acknowledged and recorded.

Page 235. Indenture of bargain and sale between Bartholomew Dameron and Hugh Lambert, ack. and recorded.

Page 236. Indenture of bargainand sale between John Dameron and Bartholomew proved on oath of Drury Matthis.

Page 380. Indenture of bargain and sale between Christopher Dameron and his wife Sarah and Bartholomew Dameron, acknowledged and ordered recorded.

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Christopher and Geo. B. Dameron settled in Perry Co., Miss. 1806-1807, p. 554, History of Mississippi, Robt. Lowry and Wm. McCardle, Jackson, Miss. 1891. (Sent to Louise Dameron by Helen Lindsay.)

Logan Douglas Dameron, son of Geo. Ball Dameron who was a native of Va. and tobacco planter, married Miss Mary W. Moore. Logan was b. N.C., Caswell Co. 1827, when six years removed to Randolph Co., Mo. with father, married Miss Chappell. U.S. Biographical Dictionary, Missouri.

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Mrs. Wesley (Melda) Waldrop, wrote Oct. 30, 1953: "Alexander Dameron Jackson's mother was a Dameron. His father was Isaac T. Jackson born about 1751. They went from Va. to Caswell Co., N.C. about 1805 where Alexander Jackson enlisted in the War of 1812 in 1814, and from there to Sumner and Smith Cos,, Tenn. Alexander had two brothers we know of, Bob and Bot. His father was a cousin to Andrew Jackson, the President. I have not proved that but the family has always said it. Alexander Dameron Jackson b. May 5, 1797, in Va. d. Apr. 15, 1886, m. Margaret Stalcup, Nov. 9, 1817, Smith Co., Tenn. moved to this county 1832. children: Martha Susan Jackson (my husband's gr. grandmother m. Thos. Jeff. Hughes); Isaac T. Jackson, died young; William R. Jackson; Margarett Elizabeth; Nancy Ann Moorehead Jackson m. Wellington B. Winchester; Mary Jane m. Benderman; Priscilla Eoline m. Russel; Isabelle Virginia Gardner Jackson m. McChristian. I do not knew where his parents married in Va. or where they are buried either in Caswell, N.C. or Tenn." Her address is 1602 Miller Avenue, Murray, Ky. This line would be from Bartholomew Dameron m. Anne Moorehead b. 1732, son Alexander, dau. m. Isaac T. Jackson.

THE BRUNSWICK DAMERONS IN NORTH CAROLINA

I spent the Christmas holidays in 1952 in Charleston, S.C., and on the way back I stopped off in Warrenton, Warren County, to look for the Moody genealogies, as three sisters of Dr. Thomas Moody moved here, married to Edmund and William Newell and Samuel Davis, also Elizabeth Williams and her father Thomas Moody who d. 1819 in Warren County. There I found Miss Tempe Dameron and her sister, who lived in a big, old house, one of whom had been a missionary in Korea. They are also Methodists. They had a picture of their ancestor William Henry Dameron and he was a very handsome man. She said her father and brothers were all tall, dark and handsome. Both these Damron sisters were quite small and dark, with brown eyes and hair. Neither is married. Their family had come to Warrenton from Brunswick County, Va. John Alexander Dameron, son of William Henry Dameron and Julia Mangum, of Brunswick, was the first in Warrenton--their father. They showed me their family papers, kept loose in the family Bible, and I copied down some notes:

I. Alexander Dameron m. Elizabeth Lightfoot, and their children were:

1. William Henry Dameron m. Julia Mangum. His son was John Alexander Dameron, who came to Warrenton, N.C.

2. James, married and moved to Mississippi, andwas lost to the family.

3. Mary, m. Johnson.

4. Betsy, never married.

5. Angelina, m. Prowder, had one daughter who m. Ben Jones.

6. Martha, m. Mr. Short.

(Mrs. Weaver said there was also a daughter Blanche, d. unmarried.)

I also understood the Warrenton records to say that Sally Ann Dameron married Wm. Justice, sister of the two brothers who died in the Civil War. The Dameron sisters told me they were related to William Williams of Wales who came to Edenton, N.C. in 1695. His son Samuel m. Elizabeth d. of John Austin and Mary Clark of Edenton. Solomon Williams was their ancestor, and Tempie Williams m. John Alexander Dameron. Their genealogy said that Joseph Dameron of Brunswick was their ancestor. There was nothing in the Warrenton library on Damerons or Moodys. They have formeda new historical Society there recently.

Mrs. Weaver said she had heard from Barker Dameron, Greensboro, N.C. but did not have his genealogy. Tempe Dameron said they had heard from E.S.W. Dameron, Burlington, N.C., who was looking for his genealogy, but they did not know him. Mrs. Weaver also had a Philip as one of the children of Bartholomew, Will 1708. I never heard of him before.

The proof that Joseph, the Revolutionary soldier, was the son of Joseph, I found in Amelia County, Va. where the Grantee Index, p.57, Deeds, 1734-1947, shows a deed to Joseph Dameron from George Hill, D.B. 14, p. 89, no date given but examination of the deed showed the date 14 Feb. 1777. There was no Dameron in the Grantor index. Joseph's pension said his father lived in Brunswick and had a plantation in Amelia on which Joseph' was overseer.

We also find in the Brunswick County, Va. deeds one of 1767, Sarah Dameron to my loving son Joseph Dameron, witnesses, Samuel Dameron, Bartholomew Dameron, Christopher Dameron. This was sent by Mrs. Cornelius with the note: "This Sarah was the wife of Christopher Dameron d. 1764 in Northumberland County. Samuel was also their son, also Bartholomew. Christopher was the son of Bartholomew and the grandson of Christopher and Sarah (Ball) Dameron. To prove this she looked up the deed in 1770, Brunswick County, Va. as follows:

"Bartholomew Dameron to Christopher Dameron, parish of Saint Andrews in County of Brunswick the sd. Bartholomew Dameron for love and affection which I bear unto my son the sd. Christopher Dameron. Barth. Dameron purchased it from Wm. Downing adj. land of John Matthews. Witnesses George Dameron, David Ball, Betty Dameron, Augustine Coppedge, James Love, Jr. Wm. Brown."

I made a mistake on p. 27-h, III, line 4, as I mis-read a deed of gift from Christopher to Joseph as being a will and thought there were two Christophers in Northumberland. These lines should be cut out from 5 to 10. This gift was from Sr. Christopher to the son Joseph who m. Patience Coppedge and went to Brunswick. I think Mary Burton who married a Joseph Dameron 1790 in Caswell Co. was a second wife.

Now who was the above "George Dameron?" He looks to be another son of Bartholomew, and possibly this was the George who was in Halifax, Va. later on and who went on to Lincoln County, N.C. with John Dameron, who might have been a brother, or nephew.

Mrs. Cornelius found a John Dameron in Brunswick County Records 1798, son of Christopher, hence he would be brother of Bartholomew who m. Rebecca Malone. Book 17, p. 385, Nov. 30, 1798:"Christopher Dameron of the county of Caswell and State of North Carolina, appoint my son John Dameron, of the county and state aforesaid, my attorney to collect from the estate of John Ingram, dec'd the legacy left my wife, Sarah Dameron, by virtue of the said dec'd last will and testament, and the said John Dameron is hereby empowered to settle with the exors. of the said deceased the aforesaid Legacy by either taking property to the value thereof or bonds.

"State of North Carolina, Caswell County. I do hereby certify that Christopher Dameron duly ack'gd in person. A. Murphy, C.C.

"Certified from Wm. Rainey, Jr. of Caswell that Archaband Murphy is clerk of Court Brunswick."

This settles the question of the wife of Christopher Dameron who was Sarah Ingram. Mrs. Cornelius did some work on the Ingram family and found this among the Ingram papers. An Ingram genealogy is being done by Earl A. Truett, 313 Wilkinson Place, Memphis, Tenn. descendant of Charles Ingram and Elizabeth Dameron, dau. of George Dameron and Elizabeth Dennis. Elizabeth Dameron Ingram had a son John who married Hannah Pines, their son Joseph D. Ingram married Winifred Nelms. Joseph and Winifred had son Thomas who m. Jemima Watkins, Thomas and Jemima left N.C. and went to Marshall Co., Miss. establishing a large family.

THE BRUNSWICK DAMERONS IN NORTH CAROLINA

I will deal with the Brunswick Damerons who moved to North Carolina in more detail in another section, on Caswell County, N.C.

The 1820 Census for Lincoln County, N.C. shows G. Dameron and J. Dameron. James Damarell was in Chowan Co., 1792, and 1704, d. Rachel, w. Lucy. Moses Dameron was in Rowan County 1753, also in Surry, etc. These, however, belong to various branches.

The Brunswick County Damerons went to Caswell County, N.C. There we find Joseph, the Revolutionary soldier, whose pension declaration says his father was living in Brunswick when he enlisted in the army the second time. He says he was born in Northumberland County, Va., Feb. 2, 1763. I have already noted the Christopher Dameron who went from Brunswick to Caswell County.

Among the Caswell County, N.C. Marriage Register items, we find:

Alexander M. Dameron to Martha P. Dameron, 1821.
Bartholomew Dameron to Rebecca Malone 27 Aug. 1798,
Christopher Dameron to Sally Ware 1815
John Dameron to Nancy Love 1828
Joseph Dameron to Mary Burton, 2 Apr. 1790
Samuel Dameron to Sally Holcomb 10 Jan. 1799
Williamson Dameron to Polly Evans, 1813, George B. Dameron, bondsman

Now the DAR records are either confused or else there are two Joseph Damerons, one in the Army and one in the Navy. In the Lineage Book of the American Revolution, we find V. 136, p. 139, Mrs. Naomi Walton Barnes, wife of P. M. Barnes, she being born Armstrong, Mo. (Her number is 135451, book dated 1934). "Joseph Dameron m. 1780 Sarah Ball. Joseph Dameron 1763-1834, served as a private in the Virginia Navy 1779-80 from Northumberland County, where he was born. He died in Caswell County, N.C." The genealogy given is this: The son George Ball Dameron 1780-1848 m. 1799 Mary Moore (1781-1870), parents of William . William Moore Dameron 1799-1839 m. 1819 Eliza L. Dameron 1800-72. Robert Smith 1810-90 m. Jane Dameron 1822-83. J.S. Preston 1843-1916 m. Sarah A. Smith. Robert S. Walton b. 1870 m. in 1892 Cassie Preston b. 1871.

Mrs. Florence Dameron Craven, 131557, b. Laurence Co., Mo., wife of Clyde H. Craven, also gives this lineage: Joseph Dameron m. Sarah Ball. George Ball 1780-1848 m. 1799 Mary Moore, 1781-1870. William Moore Dameron 1799-1839, m. 1817 Eliza Ingraham. John Haywood Dameron 1826-50, m. Julia Melton 1820-88. John Haywood Dameron Jr. b. 1850 m. 1873 Estelle Slaughter b. 1855.

Mrs. Pensa Cola Dameron Million b. Randolph Co., Mo. wife of Guy Collins Million, gave her lineage as Christopher Dameron m. Sarah _____; Bartholomew Dameron 1775-1847, m. in 1798 Rebecca Dameron, 1781-1851.

Julia Smiley Galbraith Brook b. Neosho, Mo., wife of Reginald Brook, gave her lineage as: Joseph Damron served as a private in the Virginia Navy 1779-80, from Northumberland County, Va. where he was born. Died Caswell Co., N.C. Joseph Dameron m. Sarah Ball, 1780. George Ball Dameron 1780-1848 m. Mary Moore.

CHART SHOWING THE DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS DAMERON OF KENTUCKY

LAWRENCE DAMERON, Will 1660, NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, VA. m. DOROTHY, d. 1692, children: BARTHOLOMEW, eldest, GEORGE, THOMAS, SAMUEL, LAWRENCE, DOROTHY

BARTHOLOMEW, Will 1708, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Christopher Garlington(?), 1650-1728, children: BARTHOLOMEW Will 1735, CHRISTOPHER, LAWRENCE, of St. Stephens', JOSIAH, of St. Stephens, ELIZA, MARY, SARAH, JOHN, youngest. Christopher Will 1764 m. Sarah Ball, who moved to Brunswick with sons, including Bartholomew, in Brunswick by 1768, d. 1792, m. Anne Moorehead, dau. of Alexander, and they had son Alexander 1765.

JOHN, Will 1743, Wicomico Parish, Northumberland, m. 1728, Elizabeth, dau. of Thomas Taylor, her will 1775; she m. 2d George Flowers. Children:

JOHN m. Sarah or Sukey Tignor; d. Halifax, N.C.1777

JOSEPH, Will 1759 m. Elizabeth Waddy
: Nancy

THOMAS, Will 1766, of Wicomico
: JO. LAZARUS MOSES THOMAS ARON

BARTHOLOMEW, Will pr. 1807 m. Mary, prob. Waddy
: ELIZABETH W. m. by 1807 Rev. Lewis Lunsford; m. 2d in Bourbon Co. Ky., cousin Elisha Carter, moved to Missouri
: MARIA LUNSFORD m. Abraham Irwin, moved to Prebble Co., Ohio

THOMAS, JR. of Dameron's Neck, Northumberland Co., Va. Wicomico Parish, d. 1826, m. Apr. 10, 1797, Nancy Ann, dau. of Thos. Ball and Mildred Downman; moved to Ky. 1810. She d. Campbell Co. Ky Oct. 8, 1827; he in Campbell Feb. 8, 1826. Children:

BARTHOLOMEW, of Crane's Neck, Northumberland Co., heir

MARY WADDY, b.Feb. 13,1798, d. Aug.1880, m. 19 Apr.1821, Maj. Wm. Cormack

JOHN THENT, b. 1800-Jan.10, d. unm. 1829, 19 Apr.

EDWARD PORTEOUS, b. Aug.10,1802, d.Apr. 1862, m.June 21, 1831, Maria Gregg Kennedy, dau. James and Elizabeth Warren Kennedy, at her home Casselis, Menton, Ky. 1807-1865

THOMAS, Elder, b.1804, Oct. 20, d.1804,

THOMAS BALL, b.1805, Nov.10, d.1820, Apr.1

JOSEPH BALL, b. Oct.7, 1808 m. Frances Herndon, 1810-1849, m. 2d Sally Selby Barker
: Lee, 1856-1922, moved to Mo.

LOUISA ANN b. Apr.26, 1811, m.1828, Walter G. Carter, moved to Mo.
: Gertrude m. Oles.

ELIZABETH K. m. Wm. Hunton Thomas, She 1832-1884

AGUSTA ANN, 1834-1851

AGUSTUS SAMUEL m. Margaret Hall. He was M.D. 1834-1890

JAMES THOMAS, 1837-1914, m. Addie Murman

EDWARD PORTEOUS, 1839-1844

WILLIAM KENNEDY, D.D. 1841-19___.

EDWARD PORTEOUS, D.D. m. Ida Carter

LALLAS BROUGH

ROBERT ALLEN m. Martha Louise Park. He was M.D. 1847-1889

Also 9. GEORGE BALL, 1849-1850

MARY MACHIS, 1851-1879 m. Edward Lape

(Note: see Appendices for notes of Louise H. Dameron, 1839 South Orange Ave., Sarasota, Fla.)

THE THOMAS DAMERON FAMILY OF KENTUCKY

Miss Louise H. Dameron sent me her Dameron records, of 1839 South Orange Avenue, Sarasota, Florida and wrote: "Some years ago I wrote Mrs. Keach and questioned a statement in one of her articles. I did not understand about the two Thomas Jr. and Thomas Sr. My letter to her resulted in my sending my records to her and she corrected them for me. Mrs. Keach was a Dameron descendant. She had some extra copies of old wills, supposedly 'lost', a genealogist who was helping her found them, I believe,in an old book which was partly destroyed. Mrs. Keach had several articles in Tyler's Magazine. The references I have are Vol. 4, pages 54,58 and 117,122; then Vol. VIII, pages 42 through 52, and William and Mary V. II, 1902-03. I have an address given me by Mrs. M.C. Johnson of Clearwater, Florida, Mrs. John Dameron, Warrenton, N.C..." In this genealogy Mrs. Keach had given the father of Thomas of Kentucky as Bartholomew of the Will proved 1807, dated Nov. 2, 1805, which is correct, but she had listed Christopher Will 1783 as father, whereas the father was his brother John, as shown on the accompanying chart. The Brunswick records were unknown to them, apparently, and when I pointed these out to Louise Dameron she agreed that her ancestry was through John Dameron and Elizabeth Taylor, saying, "Am afraid I just accepted Mrs. Keach's record as I had no way to check the original ones and I knew that she had. I knew of the Ball connection from some older members of the family but, of course, that is still there--Thomas Ball, father of Ann, who married Thomas Dameron, was the son of George and Ana Taylor Ball, George a brother of Sarah Ball Dameron. (I wonder if my John Thent Dameron is not an abbreviation of Therriatt.) Elizabeth Taylor Dameron's son Bartholomew is most certainly our Bartholomew... Last fall I destroyed so many records that had no direct bearing on my family, notebooks full of notes I had taken at various times. Have a number of records for Downman-Travers-Jennings-Corbin-Porteous-Heath, etc.etc. You are more than welcome to them but am afraid you would have to have several volumes if you attempt the Dameron connections. I did have some Dupuy records. I seem to feel that they were in the Chappell genealogy... The present Queen Elizabeth is one of the descendants of Edward and Robert Porteous of Virginia--all Scotch... an article was published in a Cincinnati paper, of which I have a partial copy from Helen Lindsay, who left all her papers to the Historical Society, Covington, Ky."

I will note down a few points in her genealogy which may not be in that already given:

I. Lawrence,[1] in Va. 1652, wife Dorothy died 1691-2. Children: Bartholomew, George, married Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis; Thomas, married Sarah Bledsoe; Lawrence married Jane _____; Dorothy, m. 1st Josiah Gaskins (I believe that should be Gascoigne), m. II before March 17, 1726, Samuel Mahan.

II. Bartholomew[2] b. in England 1645, will dated Aug. 1, 1708, proved Mar. 22, 1710, m. c. 1766 Elizabeth, d. of Christopher Garlington b. 1650, d. Nov. 20, 1728. (She had Bartholomew Will 1735 married to Anne Moreland.)

III. John,[3] minor in 1708; bond Sept. 12, 1728; m. before 1728 (Wm. & M. V. 12,) Elizabeth Taylor.

IV. Bartholomew[4], will dated Nov. 2, 1805, married Mary (Waddy?) All our records seem to point to Waddy as her name but we have found no positive proof. I think she was the youngest child of John and Elizabeth Dameron Waddy, no proof. Children: Elizabeth W., probably named for her grandmother Elizabeth Waddy, m. before 1807, Rev. Lewis Lunsford, 2d. Elisha Carter, her cousin; Thomas Jr. of Dameron's Neck (his cousin Thomas, son of George, was called Sr.) m. Apr. 20,1797, by Rev. John Howe, Methodist minister, Nancy Ann, d. of Thomas Ball and Mildred Downman; they moved to Kentucky in 1810. Bartholomew of Crane's Neck, Northumberland.

V. Thomas, Jr., who moved to Kentucky 1810, Bourbon County, was born in Virginia, died in Campbell Co., Ky. Feb. 8, 1826. He m. Nancy Ann Ball, Thursday, Apr. 20, 1797, David Ball, Jr. bond. She died Oct. 8, 1827, Campbell County, Ky. Children: (I believe this Thomas was an M.D. also. Some of the family told me.)

1. Mary Waddy Dameron, 'Molly' of her grandfather's will b. Feb. 13, 1798, Aug. 1880, m. 19 Apr. 1821, Major William Carmack, ch. Jacob, William, Nancy.
2. John Thent Dameron 1800-1829. He was b. Jan. 20, 1800, d. Nov. 19,1829,unm.
3. Edward Porteous b. Aug. 10, 1802, d. Apr. 1862, in Kentucky.
4. Thomas, inf.,the elder, Oct. 20, 1804; Nov. 29, 1804.
5. Thomas Ball, Nov. 10, 1805, April 1, 1820.
6. Joseph Ball, b. Oct. 7, 1808, m. I Frances Herndon, 1810-1849; II Sally Selby Barker; son Lee Dameron, 1856-1922, moved to Missouri; Gertrude Dameron m. _____ Oles.
7. Louisa Ann b. Apr. 26, 1811, m. Sept. 16, 1828, her cousin Walter G. Carter. They moved to Missouri.

VI. Edward Porteous Dameron, M.D. b. Aug. 10, 1802, in Virginia, d. 1862 in Kentucky, m. June 21, at her home, Casselis, Mentor, Ky., in 1831, Maria Gregg Kennedy, d. of James and Elizabeth Warren Kennedy, 1807-1865. Their children:

1. Elizabeth Kennedy, 1832-1884.
2. Agusta Ann 1834-1890.
3. Agustus Samuel, m. Margaret Hall,
4. James Thomas 1837-1914, m. Addie Murman.
5. Edward Porteous,1839-1844.
6. William Kennedy,D.D. 1841-19___.
7. Lallas Brough.
8. Edward Porteous,D.D. 1844-19__, m. Ida Carter.
9. Robert Allen, M.D. 1847-1889, m. Martha Louise Park.
10. George Ball, 1849-1850.
11. Mary Machis 1851-1879 m. Edward Lape.

DAMERON-BALL GENEALOGY

33. Capt. Geo. Ball (Wm^{26},Wm^{25}, $Wm.^{24}$, $John^{10}$, $John^{5}$, $Wm.^{3}$, $Robert^{2}$, $Wm.^{1}$), of Wicomico, Northumberland County, Va. b. 1683, d. 1746, will dated Apr. 14,1746, pro. June 9, 1746, m. c. 1714 Grace Haynie, dau. of Anthony and Sarah Harris Haynie. Capt. Geo. Ball was captain of militia, represented Northumberland in the Assemblies 1723-26; 1727-34; 1734-40 (Va. Bio. V. 1.). Their children were: 53 John, will 4-8-1750, pro. 1751, named wife Margaret, father Capt. Geo., bro. David, Richard and Joseph; child Sarah chose Joseph as her guardian. 54. David, died single. 55. Capt. George Ball. 56. Joseph d. 1799, m. Hannah Haynie, d. of Capt. William and Jane Waddy Haynie. (Va. Mag. 21, 321.) 57.Richard d. 1784. 58. Sarah Ball m. before 1731 (father's will) Christopher Dameron, w. 1764 (Va. Mag. 21, 326). 59 Harris Downman. 60. Grace Ball b. Feb. 10, 1716; Jan. 23, 1761, m. I _____ Burns (called Grace Burns in father's will), Dec. 23, 1746, m. II Traverse Downman, bro. of Robert who was the father of Mildred Downman who married Thomas Ball. Traverse Downman m. II Dec. 20, 1764 Ann (Heath) Connway (Wm. and Mary, V. 12,99.)

55. Capt. George Ball, Jr. of Northumberland Co., Va. b. ____ d. 1770, will dated June 29, 1770, pr. Oct. 8, 1770, Northumberland Co., Va. m. June 14, 1736, Lancaster Co., Va. Ana Taylor, daughter of Elizabeth and Thomas Taylor, will 1717. Married with mother's consent, Therriatt Taylor, witness, Thomas Edwards, bond. Their children: 61. Capt. David Ball, 1735-1811, Will Northumberland Co. (Book 18, 116), m. circa 1760, Hannah Haynie. 62. Thomas Ball, circa 1737, m. at Warsaw, Richmond Co., Va. 3 Apr. 1766, Mildred Downman, d. of Robert and Elizabeth Porteous Downman. 63 Sarah Ball. 64. Martha Ball. Capt. Geo. Ball, Jr. was Justice, member of the Parliament 1753, Sheriff July 1757, with David Ball as deputy, Vestryman of Wicomico 1770, House of Burgesses 1769. His will has Mary Taylor Ball named.

THE DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH BALL DAMERON OF KENTUCKY

The ancestry and descendants of Joseph Ball Dameron are as follows:

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who was in Northumberland County, Va., before 1652, will proved 1660. His wife was Dorothy, surname unknown, and the children were: Bartholomew, eldest, George, Thomas, Samuel, Lawrence and Dorothy.

II. BARTHOLOMEW, Will 1708, m. Elizabeth, probably daughter of Christopher Garlington, 1650-1728. Their children were: Bartholomew, Christopher m. Sarah Ball and moved to Brunswick County, Va. with sons; Lawrence; Josiah, Eliza, Mary, Sarah, John, youngest.

III. JOHN, of Wicomico Parish, Northumberland Co., Va. Will 1743, m. 1728, Elizabeth, dau. of Thomas Taylor, her will being 1775; she m. 2d George Flowers. Children: John m. Sarah or Sukey Tignor and d. 1777 in Halifax Co., N.C., his descendants now being in Elora, Tenn. etc.; Joseph, Will 1759, m. Elizabeth Waddy, and had a dau. Nancy; Thomas, Will 1766, of Wicomico, who had sons, Jo., Lazarus, Moses, Thomas, Aron; and Bartholomew, Will 1807.

IV. BARTHOLOMEW, will proved 1807, m. Mary, probably the youngest child of John and Elizabeth Dameron Waddy, Louise H. Dameron believes, who did the genealogy of this branch, but she has no proof. Their children were:

1. Elizabeth W. m. by 1807 Rev. Lewis Lunsford, and 2d in Bourbon Co., Ky. her cousin Elisha Carter, then moved to Missouri. Their dau. Maria Lunsford, m. Abraham Irwin, and moved to Prebble County, Ohio. (Rev. Lewis Lunsford was one of the most famous preachers of his day in the Northern Neck.)

2. Bartholomew, of Crane's Neck, Northumberland Co., Va.

3. Thomas, Jr. of Dameron's Neck, Northumberland Co., Va. (his cousin Thomas, son of George was called Sr.). He m. Apr. 20, 1797, Nancy Ann, dau. of Thomas Ball andMildred Downman, the marriage being performed by Rev. John Howe, Methodist minister. They moved to Kentucky in 1810. He d. 1826 and she d. Oct. 8, 1827, in Campbell County, Ky. He also died in Campbell Co., Ky. Feb. 8, 1826. Children:

V. THOMAS DAMERON, JR. m. Nancy Ann Ball, as above, who was related to the mother of George Washington, Mary Ball Washington. Her ancestry is as follows:

I. William Ball (William^{7}, William^{6}, John^{5}, John^{6}, William^{3}, Robert^{2} William^{1})
II. Capt. George Ball, of Wicomico, Northumberland Co., Va. b. 1683, d. 1746, m. about 1714 Grace Haynie, dau. of Anthony and Sarah Harris Haynie. One daughter was Sarah Ball m. Christopher Dameron. One son was Capt. George Ball, Jr. d. 1770.
III. Capt. George Ball, Jr. of Northumberland d. 1770, m. June 14, 1736, Lancaster County, Va. Ana Taylor, dau. of Elizabeth and Thomas Taylor, will 1717. Their children were: Capt. David, 1735-1811; Thomas, ca. 1737; Sarah, Martha. Capt. George Ball, Jr. was Vestryman of Wicomico 1770, in the House of Burgesses 1769 etc.
IV. THOMAS BALL, ca. 1737, m. at Warsaw, Richmond Co., Va. 3 Apr. 1766, Mildred Downman, dau. of Robert and Elizabeth Porteous Downman. Their dau. was Nancy Ann. (The father of Mary Ball Washington was Joseph Ball 1649-1711, who left no male line, and he was son of Col. William Ball m. 1638 Hannah Atherold in London, the other sons being William, Richard and Joseph; and a dau. Hannah m. Capt. David Fox.)
V. NANCY ANN BALL m. Thomas Dameron, Jr. of Northumberland County, Va. 1797.

Thomas Dameron and Nancy Ann Ball had the following children:

1. Mary Waddy, 1798-1880, m. Major William Carmack, ch. Jacob, Wm. and Nancy.
2. John Thent, 1800-1829, d. Nov. 19, 1829, unmarried.
3. Edward Porteous b. Aug. 10, 1802, d. Apr. 1862, in Kentucky, an M.D.
4. Thomas, inf., the elder, born and died 1804.
5. Thomas, b. Nov. 10, 1805, d. April 1, 1820.
6. Joseph Ball b. 1808, m. Frances Herndon and Sally Selby Barker.
7. Louisa Ann b. Apr. 26, 1811, m. Sept. 16, 1828, Walter G. Carter and moved to Missouri. He was her cousin.

VI. JOSEPH BALL DAMERON b. Oct. 7, 1808, d. Sept. 9, 1889. He m. first Dec. 12, 11, 1828, Francis Herndon, b. July 16, 1810, d. Oct. 20, 1849, and their children are as follows, as given by Alfred Speer Dameron in his Historical and Genealogical Sketch of the Dameron Family of England and Virginia, 1940, 35 PP.

1. Thomas F. Dameron, b. 11-6-1829, d. ____, m. 12-5-1850, Susan Kiser, Kenton Co., Ky. 1938, children: Ida, Wallace, Fred, Fransan.

(1) Ida m. Sommers.
(2) Wallace d. 9-10-1867 m. 1st, 11-18 , Ona Oliver d. 1908, ch:
1st Clifford Damernn.
2nd Jessie Dameron b. 1892.
3rd Charles Dameron b. 1895.
4th Ira Dameron b. 1899 (Army.)

He m. second Alice Ransom, Verona, Ky. but had no children.

(3) Fred B. 11-3-1861, m. Maggie Riggs b. 4-9-1872, d. 6-19-1940, ch:
1st, Ralph m. Adela Welling, ch. Vivian, Betty Ruth, Carol Lea.
2nd, Morris m. Helen Cartledge.
3rd, Hazel d. 1912.
4th, Garnet m. Wilbert Kohnen 7-17, 1940.
5th, Chester Lee, m. _____, ch. Kenneth m. 6-29-40 Dixie Haney; and Donald.

(4) Fransan.

2. John W. Dameron, m. Winnie Cleet, children: (He was b. 6-9-1831).

(1) Clinton d. 1898.
(2) Henry b. 9-12-1863 d. 3-11-1938, m. Dora Hoop, ch. Athol, Ruby.
(3) Ida d. 4-1936.
(4) Nora.
(5) Walter b. 12-8-1867, d. 6-11-1938, m. Anna Wagner, ch: Howard, Evert, Arthur, M. (DeMoss, Alice (Trapp), Carl Dameron.
Above children of Henry: Athol m. Nellie Ratchford, and had ch. Vernon Lee and Arvil. Ruby m. Frank Garrett, ch. Frank, Jr. and Ruby May.
(6) Lula.
(7) Corda, m. Wm. Mell, of Oregon or Washington. Ch: Clyde Mell, Raymond, Irene m. Dan. Sanders, ch, Dorothy, Donald; Lucy Mell m. Alex Baker, ch. Dora, Kenneth, Leo, Ronald; Virgil Mell.

3. Nancy M. Dameron m. _____ Clift, ch. John and Rose, Kansas City. She was b. 3-20-1833, and her sister Floriler E. b. 2-22-1835, following.

4. Floriler E. Dameron m. Jas. McHatton, ch. Elizabeth (Lizzie) m. ___ Dean. She d. 11-8-1938, ch. James McHatton, John, McHatton, Nancy McHatton. Elmer Dean was son of Elizabeth Dean, and James McHatton had ch. Florence, Lillian and James.

5. James H. Dameron m. _____ Ketchum, ch. George (river Captain), Hattie, m. Martin, Aberdeen, Ohio, Maysville, Ky. By second marriage had son Charles. James H. Dameron was b. 1-20-1837.

6. C. Leander Dameron b. 1-5-1839 m. Hattie _____, Jacksonville Co., Ill., ch. John, Ella, Oscar, May, Dau. _____

7. Irene Dameron b. 12-25-1840 m. _____ Cox, ch. Ollie Cox.

8. Maria L. Dameron b. 8-27-1842, m. Robert Ware, ch. George, Fanny, William, Anna Ware; m. 2d _____ Daugherty.

9. George W. Dameron b. 1-1-1845, m. _____, Rushville, Ind. ch. Fred, Will and Lena.

10. Elizah Dameron b. 1-8-1847, m. Rebecca Sommers b. 1-24-18 (?), d. 8-4-1929, ch. Joe of Mt. Carmel, Mary (Hamilton), Illa (Pruett),Anna, Albert, Hattie, Will, Hot Springs, Ark., Carrie. Mary b. 6-23-1884 m. Elmer Hamilton. Hattie b. 1-16-1888 m. Thruman Pruiett b. 6-17-1877, ch. Clifford Pruett. Ila b. 7-8-1879 m. John Pruett b. 12-16-1870, no ch. Will Dameron b. 5-1930 m. Carrie Storn, ch. Leroy, Harry, Arthur, Gladys. Anna b. 7-24-1882 m. Will Howard, ch. Melvin, Everett, Garnet, Frank, Thelma, Chester and Harold Howard. Carrie b. 4-23-1886, m. Fred Menefee, ch. Paul b. 7-2- , Robert b. 1-16 -

11. Mary Dameron b. 1-8-1847 (twin), m. Tom Hawkins, ch. George, Charles, Hattie (Spaulding), Ella (Wagner), Irene (W. Winans, Florida).

12. Infant, Edward Dameron b. 5-20-1849, d. 11-18-1849.

Joseph Ball Dameron married second 10-2-1851, Sarah R. Selby Barker, and their children were:

13. Joseph B. Dameron, b. 9-3-1852, m. Mary Jane Youtsey b. 1853, d. 10-7-1925, ch.

(1) Alfretta b. 2-1877, d. 9-21-1891.
(2) Susan Taylor Dameron b. 1-1880 d. 1932, m. Charles Quinby, ch. Mildred and Virginia.
(3) Laura Dameron b. 9-1886, d. 1935, m. Thomas Ingram, ch. Bessie and Thomas Clay Ingram.
(4) Henry b. _____, d. 1939, m. Adaline Kessler, ch. Dorothea, Howard.
(5) James, m. Mable Scharr, no ch.
(6) Sarah Jane b. 9-1877, m. John Maynard, ch. Josephine.
(7) Spencer b. 1881, m. Mary Pagan on 1-10-1906, ch. Loraine, Ruby, Helen, Hattie, Spencer, Ida May.
(8) Bessie m. 1st Wm. Wilson, ch. Bonnie Jean Wilson; m. 2d Thomas Ingram, her brother-in-law.
(9) Ruth m. 1st Henry Lickert, ch. Lillian Mae Lickert; m. 2d, A.B. Larsen, no ch.

14. Infant b. 3-25____, d. 3-27, 1855.
15. Infant b. 3-2-_____, d. 3-24-1856.
16. Catherine Gertrude Dameron b. 4-14-1857, m. William Iles 11-20-1875, ch. Jess, Arvil, Joseph, Veva Lue, Walter, Otto, Lilly Iles.
17. William E. Dameron b. 3-22-1861,d. 1-11-1937, m. Nettie Hillard Townley, 9-17-1890, ch.
(1) Edgar T. m. Beulah _____, ch. Edgar, Jr., Richard, Sally B.
(2) Lillian Ida m. 1st Leonard Price, 2d, Wm. E. Brown, ch. Donald Brown.
(3) Asa Joseph m. Dortha Graves and 2d Virginia Bertram, her son Jay, being b. 1-19-40.

(4) Harry McK. Dameron, son of William E. Dameron and Nettie Hillard Townley, m. Jessie Yeoman, Perth, Scotland, ch. William T. Dameron.

(5) Alfred S. Dameron m. 6-2-1928 Helen C. Wiglow, no ch. He is the author of the Dameron genealogy of his branch., res. Newport, Ky.

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Joe Dameron b. 5-8-1876, m. May Mason b. 5-22, 1881, ch. Vashti, Lucille, Erwin; Charles, Raymond were husbands of above: Vashti m. Charles Gaynor, Lucille m. Raymond Riggs; Erwin m. Alfreda Corbin.

The children of Henry Dameron b. 2-12-1863 were: Athol b. 1914, m. Nellie Ratchford, ch. Vernon Lee, and Arvil; Grace (Spenlau), Ione (Youtsey); Ruby m. Frank Garrett, ch. Frank, Jr. and Ruby May.

James McHatton had ch. Florence, Lillian and James.

THE DESCENDANTS OF EDWARD PORTEOUS DAMERON, M.D.

Alfred Speer Dameron also gives notes on the above family as follows:

"Tom. Dameron, farmer, Cold Spring, Ky. m. _____ Murnan. Several children.

"Gus. Dameron, physician, Dayton, Ky., had one son Gus, in California.

"Ed. Porteus Dameron, M.C. m. Ida Carter, ch. Lawrence C. Dameron, New York City, N.Y., Elsie, Washington, D.C.; Violet, Atlanta, Ga., m. Ely Ruffner.

"Will Dameron, dentist, m. Maggie Bates, no children.

"Robert Dameron, M.C., Newport, Ky. m. Lucy Parks, one dau. Louise.

"Elizabeth Dameron m. _____ Thomas, ch. Minnie m. Mr. Milliken; Betty m. Mr. Jones; Edw. Porteous Thomas.

"Macre Dameron m. 1st Mr. Simmonds, one son, Edder, m. 2d Ed. Lape, dau. Bessie.

"Above information furnished through the courtesy of Mrs. Geo. McGinnies (Jessie Carter, sister of Ida Carter, wife of Ed. Porteous Dameron.)"

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He also gives the following information:

Ann Dameron m. 1764 Thomas Waddy had ch. John, Thomas, Walter, Margaret, Betty, Nancy. She was the dau. of Col. Thos. Dameron and his wife Ann Pope.

Winifred Dameron b. 1719 dau. of Col. Thos. Dameron's 2d marriage, m. Samuel Downing, Jr. newphew of Samuel, Sr., ch. William, moved to Accomac Co., Anne, m. Thomas Shearman, ch. Thomas Shearman, Alice Chinn, Samuel, Winifred. (Alice Chinn Shearman m. 9-14-1795 her 2d cousin, Robert Jones Dameron (5). Winifred Dameron Downing m. Capt. John Williams, second marriage,about 1754, dau. Pattie.

Thomas Dameron b. 1765-1826 (?) m. about 1790 Elizabeth (tradition says Willis), ch. Mary Ann m. 1821 Isaac Brent, b. 1791-1862; Willie 1794-1834, lived in Georgia; Margaret Sarah Dameron m. Lawrence Haynie Keach 1798-12-7-1839; Elizabeth d. unm.

"Bartholomew Dameron, son of Lawrence, md. Elizabeth Garlington, dau. of Christopher Garlington, this proven by a Garlington historian.

"Bartholomew, heir in Brunswick, other children listed by wife, besides Moorehead, Mary Waddy? as follows: Bartholomew of Crane's Neck, Eliz. Waddy m. 1st Rev. Lewis Lunsford and 2nd her cousin, Elisha Carter, Thomas, Jr. (so-called), m. Nancy Ann Ball, dau. of Thomas and Mildred Downman Ball, l. Ky. 1810, d. 1826.

"Tignor Dameron d. Rutherford County, Tenn. 1824, son of Jno. & Sarah (Sukey) Tignor? Tignor's children in will: Liddia, Middia, Edmund, Sally, Nancy, Mary, Judy, Betsey, John and Wm. Dameron. (l. Rutherford County, Tenn, w. Aug. 23,1824, DAR Rec. of Tenn.) Tignor m. 1st _____ and 2nd Nancy _____.

"One of the early Coppedges was named Lazarus. Judith is a Coppedge name.

"Patience Coppage, who married Joseph Dameron, was a daughter of John Coppage (cousin of my John) and his wife _____. John Coppage, father of Patience, was a son of William and Patience Downing. Patience Downing was a daughter of Capt. WilliamDowning.

"Augustine Coppedge of Princess Anne, Va. m. Judith (Dameron?)

"Christopher Dameron was a Vestryman of WicomicoChurch in 1747; others were: Christopher Garlington; David Lattimore; Argail Tyalor; Capt. George Ball; John Taylor and Thomas Gaskins. John Coppedge was a vestryman in 1716 & Charles Coppedge succeeded Travers Downman in 1770.

"Charles Coppedge received rent for Judith Webb's plantation in 1772. Vestry book. My cousin, Dr. Jack Manahan, owns the only photostat copy of the WicomicoVestry book.

"Capt. David Ball and Capt. David Ball,Jr. wouldn't qualify under the United States Govt. They were loyal to the King despite illustrious cousin George, 1777.

"Theory: Dorothy, wife of Lawrence Dameron, may have been related to Dorothy Nicholls Downman, daughter of John Nichols of Corotoman.

"Alexander Dameron m. Becky Lightfoot, Branswick County, Va. 1788

"Omnafores Dameron m. Norfolk County or town, Va. to Martha _____ b. 1755. She married 2ndly to Lt. Christopher Tompkins in Hampton, Va., a soldier of the American Revolution. Tompkins died on Mar. 13, 1780 or 1789 (record not clear.) R 2.636, National Archives, Rev. Pensions.

"George Dameron of Georgia, enlisted from Virginia, Lincoln County, N.C. in 1824, at age of 65; in Va. Cont. Line, previously lived Halifax Co., Va. Rev. Records, National Archives.

"L.L. Dameron, 31, Person County, N.C. 1860? m. Mary 26, ch. Druella 2, Mary E. 7/12. W. Y. m. Elizabeth 17, he age 22. Zachary (?) 42.

"J.D. Damron to Lincoln County, Mo. 1844, from Virginia.

There are some interesting notes in the Coppedge Family Bulletin, edited by Dr. John E. Manahan, which says the president in 1953 was Mrs. H. Ross Coppage, Bergner Mansion, Gwynn's Falls Park, Baltimore, 16, Md. and that a file of Coppedge genealogy was given to the State Library in Richmond and that "the Coppedge lines are registered with the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. He notes also that"the Sovereign Colonial Society of Americans of Royal Descent in Philadelphia has already certified Virginia Coppedges for membership; indeed they were founded by the grandson of Sally Coppedge, the notable Charles H. Browning, author of Americans of Royal Descent." At the Reunion in 1952, the marker unveiled on Isle of Kent said: "Edward Coppedge (ca. 1610-1677), founder of the Coppedge Family in America, came from Chelworth, Wiltshire, to Virginia in 1648 and patented land here at 'Indian Spring' on 25 February 1650. John, William, Thomas, and Benjamin Coppedge followed him to Virginia. They were loyal to King Charles I." The Coppedges plan to print a genealogy book.

The Bulletin says the Treasurer of the Northern Neck Historical Society is W. Taylor Murphy, Warsaw, Va. I think dues are $3 a year. Mrs. Henry Mason, Montross, Va. is Librarian and historical material should be sent to her.

According to E. J. Coppage of Atlanta,Ga. Edward Coppedge went to Virginia in 1648 and to Maryland in 1650, m. Elizabeth and owned 'Indian Spring.' Elizabeth Coppedge b. 1654 m. William Roales and Sarah b. 1656 m. John Roales. Manahan gives the Coppedge genealogy as follows on p.14: This relates to the Deep South lines.

"1. William Copage, Chaplain of Queen's College, Oxford University, 1542; m. Faye; d. 1587, rector of Chaddleworth, Berks.

"2. Richard Coppedge of Chelworth, d. after 1632.

"3. William Coppidge ofChelworth, d. after 1632

"4. William Coppage of Northumberland Co., Va. d. 1700. Probably married Anne Howson, daughter of Capt. Leonard Howson and Elizabeth, daughter of Col. Richard Lee.

"5. Charles Coppedge, d. 1750; m. Lucy Lunsford.

"6. William Coppedge, d. 1766; m. sister of Jesse Robinson.

"7. Charles Coppedge of Dinwiddie and Mecklenburg, m. Elizabeth Basye, daughter of William Basye and Rebeckah Martin (who married first Basye and second Coppage, father of Elizabeth's husband).

"8. Isaac Coppedge born 1760, m. Sarah Jackson, sister of Mark Jackson.

"9. John Jackson Coppedge of Tennessee m. Isabella Rhea Paxton."

Dr. Manahan notes the Coppedge Descent from Knights of the Garter as follows: "1. Hugh de.Stafford, K.G. 2. Margaret de Stafford m. Ralph de Nevill, Earl of Westmoreland, K.G. 3. Philippa Nevill m. Thomas de Dacre, descended from Sir James Douglas. 4. Thomas de Dacre m. Elizabeth Bowes (related to Queen Elizabeth). 5. Joan Dacre m. Sir Richard Fynes, Lord Dacre of the South. 6. Sir Thomas Fynes. 7. Wm. Lunsford m. Margaret Fynes. 8. John Lunsford m. Mary Sackville. 9. Sir John Lunsford m. Barbara Lewknor. 10. Thomas Lunsford m. Katherine Fludd, dau. of Queen Elizabeth's Treasurer of War. 11. Sir Thomas Lunsford m. Catherine Neville.

THE COPPEDGE-COPPAGE FAMILY

The following was sent by Emma B. Mayo, Istachatta, Florida

I. William Coppage of Chelsworth, Wilts., Eng., m. 2nd. Elizabeth _____.
II. William Coppage, the immigrant to America, of Wiltshire, Eng, d. 1700 in Northumberland County, Va. m. 1st Anne Houson (?), 2nd Jane fflora (?).
III. Charles O. Coppage b. Apr. 1680, d. 1750, Northumberland County, Va., m. probably Lucy Lunsford, dau. of John Lunsford and Catherine Neale or Kenner.
IV. Moses Aaron Coppage b. 1632 or 41, Virginia, d. 1801, Bradfordsville, Ky.
V. James Coppage b. 15 Apr. 1763,in Va. d. 19 Mar. 1791, m. Nancy O'Bannon, b. 16 Oct. 1772, d. 1841. The mother of James Coppage was Mary Jane Catlett d. 1812 at Bradfordsville, Ky., dau. of John Catlett d. 1778, Fauquier Co., Va., and Anne _____, probably a Fairfax. (John was son of William Catlett of Lancaster County, Va., whose father was David Catlett, son of Susanna Merriweather (Nicholas?), and great-great grandson of Henry Woodhouse, Governor of Bermuda; nephew of Sir Francis Bacon, Lord Keeper of the Great Seal.
VI. Uriah Coppage b. 19 Apr. 1813, in Washington Co., Ky. m. 25 July, 1833, Margaret Mann, b. 1815, near Ky. River in Ky., both died Bradfordsville, Ky.
VII. Elizabeth Coppage b. 28 Jan. 1837, at Bradfordsville, Ky. d. 6 March, 1918. She married George Martin Weatherford b. 6 May, 1825, at Pottsville, Ky. on the date of 7 Sept. 1854. He d. 2 June, 1921, at Bradfordsville, Ky., in Marion County. (His father was Jesse Weatherford d. about 1890 in Casey County, Ky. and his mother was either his first wife Mary (?) Condor, or (2) Judy McKenny. Jesse's father was George Weatherford and his mother Elizabeth Spraggins. Martin Condor was father of Mary. (The father of Margaret Mann was Joseph Mann and her mother Elizabeth Hill.)
VIII. James Weatherford b. 8 Nov. 1876, at Bradfordsville, Ky. m. 26 June, 1896, Victoria Henderson b. March, 1879, at Bradfordsville, Ky., dau. of James Madison Henderson d. about 1910 or 1911, at Bradfordsville, Ky., and Mary Mann (Cox), d. about 21 Oct. 1918, at Lebanon, Ky., dau. of Jacob Mann and probably a Lowe. Thomas Henderson was father of James Madison Henderson, whose mother was Betsy Branic.
IX. Emma B. Weatherford b. 12 Jan. 1897, at Bradfordsville, Ky. m. 20 Sept. 1916, Andrew T. Rokes, and 2nd W. H. Mayo. Her res. is Istachatta, Florida.

She also sent a chart on Isaac Coppage, cousin to John Coppage, d.1807, Scott County, Ky., who married Elizabeth Dameron "A rich widow married first to John Coppage, she was first cousin to George Washington through the Ball family.) Their children were: (She referred me to Ollia Coppage, Cynthiana, Ky. for more information.

1. Travers Coppage, m. Francis, sister of Catherine Coppage. He was born in Va.
2. Charles Coppage m. Martha Ann _____.
3. Grace Coppage, m. ____ Philes.
4. Lucy Coppage, m. ____ Kearns.
5. Rhodom Coppage, m. Catherine Coppage.

She said Dr. John E. Manahan sent his ancestry to her as follows: I. William Coppage came to Northumberland County, Va. in 1652. 2. Charles Coppedge d. in Northumberland 1750 (had son Isaac.) 3. Charles Coppedge, Jr. 4. John Coppage, Revolutionary soldier. 5. William Coppage. 6. John Scott Coppage. 7. William Richard Coppage. 8. Myrile M. Coppage (Becker). (. Lucille Becker. 10. John E. Manahan.

Her page on John Coppage, cousin of Isaac, gives his father as William Coppage, and his wife as Elizabeth Dameron, their children being John Coppage m. Susanna Harrison, and William Coppage m. (1) Mary Whitlege and (2) Mary Trippett.

iv. THE DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS DAMERON AND SARAH BLEDSOE

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who came to Northumberland County, Virginia, before 16:

II. THOMAS, son of Lawrence, who married Sarah Bledsoe, daughter of George. TheWill of George Bledsoe dated Aug. 15, 1705, says: "Item, I give and bequeath unto my Son John Bledsoe the proportionable part of my Land lying and adjoining to Mr. Thomas Damaronen Jun^rs land." He gives his wife Elizabeth all the estate she brought to him, left bequests to sons George, William and Abraham, and "to s Thomas 3 yrs. at school, he under 21." Witness to the Will was Thomas Dameron, Junr. and the will was proved by his oath, 1705. The Northumberland Court recor show that Thomas and John Bledsoe were fined for not going to Church in Wicomico 21 Aug. 1718, 6. 279 "NorthUmbria Collectanea," by Fleet. Abraham was left land by his father George in Wicomico at the head of Dividing Creek, 12. Feb. 1705-6, Witnessed by Jno. Grason, Susana X Grayson, James X Cox. Elizabeth Bledsoe's wi was non-cupative (not signed), dated 13 Feb. 1707-8, p. 21 July, 1708. It mentio son Richard Lattimore, grand-daughters Mary Berry, Winifred Nelmes, son-in-law William Nelmes, my own daughter Elizabeth Nelmes, wife of William, exors.

"Thomas Dameron, an orphan bound to him, Robt. Crowder, complains of hard usage, 22 Mar. 1715-16, 6. 152." (Fleet, Northumbria Collectanea. He was also reported as cruel to an orphan bound to him 18 April, 1716, 6. 154.

Thomas Dameron"delivers the estate of Edwin Feilding to Jno. Hill his Guardian 18 June, 1719, 6. 324."

Mr. Thomas Dameron, Senr.'s land is mentioned 23 Jan. 1707, 17.16.

Dameron's land adjoining Gaskins in Great Wicomico River, 16 Jan. 1710-11, 17.80.

"19 May 1708, Constables, Thomas Dameronie in roome of John Haynie."

July 21, 1708, John Bledsoe and John Ingram acknowledge Indenture of division of land.

10 June, 1679, George Bledsoe vs. John Harris, John Waddy and Thomas Ingram.

March 18, 1702-3. "Abraham Bledsoe and Catherine his wife for a child's part of the estate of her father Thomas Ball decd. March 18, 1702-3."

1678-9, Jan. 15, p. 3, Wm. Bledsoe and Wm. Hobson vs. Mr. Henry Burdett.

Thomas Junr. refers to the son of George Dameron, and Thomas, Senr. to the some of the first Lawrence, in the old records.

In Hening's Statutes of Virginia, V. VII, p. 52, is "A Schedule of Tobacco Burnt in Coan Warehouse, 1753-1754," and it includes many long items for Thomas Dameron marked "T.D."the first one being 21,039. This seems to have geen a great loss and he has much more loss than anyone else on the list, which includes Joseph Ball and Samuel Blackwell, etc.

The children of Thomas Dameron and Sarah Bledsoe were the following:

1. CHARLES DAMERON. The Will of Bledsoe Dameron 1770 mentions his wife Ann sister-in-law Hannah Dameron, who use his land during their lives, cousin Winnifred Spriggs, cousin Charles Williams, "brother Charles Dameron children, George ... Mary, Hannah, Elizabeth and Nancy." Bledsoe Dameron's deed to David Ball 1767 sells land in Northumberland "which Descended to the sd Bledsoe Dameron as Heir-at-law to his Said Father Charles Dameron," witnesses George Ball, Wm. Taylor, Sarah Ball, John Hughlett, Samuel Hughlett. Charles children:

(1) Bledsoe Dameron, Will 1770, wife Ann. "Cousin" was a word formerly used to mean nieceand nephew, so his sisters married Williams and Spriggs. No children are mentioned in Bledsoe's will.

(2) Charles Dameron, whose wife may have been Hannah above mentioned. There is an inventory for her Book 10, p. 490, Northumberland County: "Pursuant to an order of Court the 9th day of October 1775, We the subscribers being sworn have appraised the estate of Hannah Dameron Dec'd in Current money as followeth Viz--" Then follows half a page of personal property. Appraisers were Barth. Dameron, Thos. Waddy, Geo. Ingram."At a Court held for Northumberland County the 11th day of October, 1779." The children of Charles mentioned in his brother Bledsoe's will were:

i. George Dameron.

ii. Mary Dameron.

iii. Hannah Dameron.

iv. Elizabeth Dameron

v. Nancy Dameron.

(3) Daughter m. Spriggs and has daughter Winnifred.

(3) Daughter m. Williams and has son Charles Williams.

2. Andrew Dameron. "And. Dameron Presented for not going to church Wicco parish, 19 May, 1714, 6.35." The samereference gives the same item for Charles: "Charles Dameron Presented for not going to church Wicco par 19 May, 1714, 6.35." (Northumbria Collecteana, by Beverley Fleet, 1938.) These are orders from the Court records and they were taken to court for this offense. At this time there was persecution of all Quakers for not going to the established church, including Onecephrous Harvey, husband of Dorothy Gaskins, the daughter of Dorothy Dameron, both of whom were Quakers.

There is no record of the children of Thomas Dameron and Sarah Bledsoe as he left no will that has been found, but as Lawrence Dameron Jr., his brother had land in Yeocomico Parish, Westmoreland, by the process of elimination the father of Charles, Andrew and William must be above Thomas.

3. William Dameron, Will 1768.

4. Onesipherous Dameron? Will 1762, of Wicomico Parish. An Onesipherous Dameron was later in Norfolk County, Va. and Pasquotank County, N.C.

a. THE WILL OF GEORGE BLEDSOE OF NORTHUMBERLAND

"IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN I GEORGE BLEDSOE of the County of Northumberland in the Colony of Virginia being sick & weak of body but of sound & perfect Memory doe make this my Last Will & Testament revoking & disannulling all former Will or Wills by me hereto fore made Imp^rs I bequeath my Soule to God my maker hoping to be saved by the merits of the Blessed Saviour Jesus Christ & my body I comitt to the Earth there to be buryed in descent Christian Manner as my Exors hereafter named shall think most convenient and my Worldly Estate I Dispose of as followeth, Item, I Give to my Lov. wife, Eliz^abth Bledsoe all that Estate of hers upon this Plantation she brought along with her and if she think it n ot convenient to ____ the said Estate her proportionable part with the rest of my children and likewise also one Cow and the Negro Nan and if it please God to Call me hence before the Cropp is disposed of that she shall have her share with my children of the aforesd Cropp Item I give and bequeath unto my Son John Bledsoe the proportionable part of my Land lying and adjoyning to Mr. Thomas Damorone Senr's Land and my will is that my son George Bledsoe shall have liberty to work upon this sd land without any trouble or molestation of the said John provided he take care to manage the same during his Natural Life but not to make waste or havoc of the same ner rent sell or Imbezzle it to anyone Item I give unto my son William Bledsoe the Plantation I now live upon this part of land together with all houses fenses & orchards that is upon it Item I give unto my son Abraham Bledsoe my proportionable part of land lying and adjoyning next to Mr John Nickless and runing along the Ridge next to the Schoole House and my Will is that if any of my three sons Abraham Wm. & John Bledsoe should die without Issue lawfully begotton of them their own body that then their said land or lands to fall to my son Thomas Bledsoe his heirs and assigns forever Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Thomas Bledsoe one ffeather bedd and my Will is that my Three Sons Abraham William & John be at Equall Charge to keep my son Thomas three years at schoole and to live upon the plantation along with sd William till he comes to the age of 21 years and for the remainder of my personall Estate my Will & Desire is that my Good friends Mr. James Waddy Mr. John Nickless & James Richardson divide it proportionably by their judgm^t and discretion amongst my Children Item my Will and Desire is that what hoggs I dyed possessed with not be shared amongst my Children but to be left for the use and benefit of those that live upon the Plantation. Lastly I doe hereby ordaine and appoint my Two Sons Abraham & William Bledsoe sole Exors of this my Last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and affixed my Seale this 25th day of Janry Anno Dom 1704-5.

GEORGE BLEDSOE (Seale)

"Sealed Signed Published & Declared)
to be His Last Will & Testament in the)
psts. of us James Richardson, John)
Nickless Tho Damoron Junr)

"Die Aug^ty 15, 1705 This Will was proved in Northumberland County Court to be the Last Will and Testament of George Bledsoe by the oaths of John Nicklose Tho. Damoron Junr. two of Witnesses thereto. C.C. Recorded

Teste: THO HOBSON Cl. Cur^t

"Die ffebry 22, 1710. This originall Will was presented (Seale)
to the Court by John Burn & the Record being burnt on the sd Burns motion & oath it is recorded.

Teste. THO. HOBSON, Cl. Cur^t Northr^o

(Note: From Northumberland Book 1706-1720. The script was very hard to make out.)

b. THE WILL OF ELIZABETH BLEDSOE, 1708, OF NORTHUMBERLAND

"IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN I ELIZABETH BLEDSOE being in good health of body & perfect memory praise be therefore given to AlmightyGod I doe make and ordaine this my Last Will & Testament in manner & forme following... Imprimis I commit my Soule into the hands of Almighty God hoping through the merit and intercession of my Saviour Jesus Christ to have full pardon and forgiveness of all my Sins & to inheritt Everlasting life, my body I comit to the Earth to be decently buryedat the discretion of my Exors. hereinafter named and as for the disposition of all my Temporall Estate as it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me I give and dispose thereof as followeth, First I will that my Debts and Funerall Charges shall be paid and discharged Item I give & bequeath unto my well beloved son Richard Lattimore one Cow. Secondly I give & bequeath unto my grand daughter Mary Berry the first female child that my negro woman Nan brings after my decease & likewise one ffeather bed bolster & pillow & Rugg and also one Hoggshead of Tobacco waying ffive hundred to buy her sound Pewter and thirdly I give & bequeath unto my grand daughter Winifred Nelmes a molatto Girl named Betty and all her future Increase and Lastly I give & bequeath utno my son-in-law William Nelmes and my owne Daughtor Elizabeth Nelmes Wife to the sd William Nelmes all my Personall Estate moveables chattles or unmoveables as also other things that is of my Estate I doe freely give & bequeath after my Decease but nothing to be ____ with nursing my life Likewise I doe Ordaine & Constitute & Appoint William Nelmes and Elizabeth his wife my Daughtor to be my Sole Exors. of this my Last Will & Testament Conteyning halfe a sheet of paper as Witness my Hand & Seale this 13th day of ffeby. in 1707-8.

(No signature) (SEALE)

Teste ALEX^{R} MULRAIN RICHD R SMITH His Mark)
DAMOL DUNAWAY & mark of _____)

"Die July 25, 1708. Alexander Mul rain Richd Smith & Da ____ Dunaway did this day in Court make oath that they did hear Elizabeth Bledsoe publish & declare this to be her Last Will & Testament and that she did Seale same and the said Mulrain in his oath further saith that this Estate was very _____ that (note) might be taken hereof that the Reason why she had not Left her son Richard Lattimore anything materiall in her Will was because she had theretofore bestowed liberally of what she had unto him.

Teste THO. HOBSON (SS)
Vera Copa Teste. THO. HOBSON, C.C.

"Test. Die Marty 22 ____ this copy was Presented by Mr. William Nelmes and by the Court approved and on his oath sd Nelmes and his motion... Admitted to Record. Teste THO HOBSON Cl. Curt. Northld."

(Note: The above was in difficult old script in Northumberland County Record Book 1706-1720. This was the wife of George Bledsoe, and apparently her first husband was named Lattimore by whom she had a son.)

Note: George Bledsoe's land adjoined that of Thomas Damerah, Jr. (son of George) in Wicomico, and also that of Harris, Nicholas (Nickless) and Thomas Gaskins. His two sons, John and Thomas, were"presented in court 21 Aug. 1718, 6. 279,"for not going to Church"in Wicomico. (Fleet's Northumbria Collectanea.)

c. DEED FROM BLEDSOE DAMERON TO DAVID BALL, JUNR. 1767

"This Indenture made 26th day of January Anno Dom 1767 And in the Seventh Year of our Sovereign Lord George the third of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c. between Bledsoe Dameron of the Parish of Wiccomoco in the County of Northumberland of the one part and David Ball Junr. of the same Parish and County of the other part, Witnesseth that the sd. Bledsoe Dameron for and in Consideration of the full and Just sum of Sixty pounds Currt money of Virga. to him in hand paid by the sd. David Ball Junr. the receipt where of he is there with fully Satisfied he the sd Bledsoe Dameron doth here by Acknowledge and there of doth fully & absolutely acquit Exonerat^{e} & Discharge the said David Ball Junr. his heirs Exors. and by these presents Doth fully & Absolutely give Grant, Bargain sell alien Enfeof and Confirm unto the said David Ball Junr. his heirs or Assigns a Certain Piece or Parcel of land lying and being in the County of Northumberland which sd Parcel of land is part of a Parcel of Land which Descended to the sd Bledsoe Dameron as Heir at Law to his Said Father Charles Dameron dec'd And bounded on the lines of George Ball, George Dameron, William Gaskins and David Ball, Senr. Containing Thirty Acres of Land to be the same more or less and appurtenances there to belonging with all houses out houses woods under woods & water courses there to belonging or in any ways appurtaining unto the said Land and Premises And also all the Right Title or Interest which the said Bledsoe Dameron now hath or ever here after may by any ways or means what so ever, To Have and to Hold the said Thirty Acres of Land to be the same more or less and Singular the premises there to belonging with all his Right members and appurtenances unto the sd David Ball Junr. his heirs Executors Covenant & grant to and with the sd David Ball Junr. his heirs and Assigns the sd Thirty Acres of Land be the same more or less & all appurts. there to belonging for ever.

"And that he the sd Bledsoe Dameron hath full right & Lawfull Authority to Grant and Convey the sd Thirty Acres of Land and appurtenances to the sd David Ball Junr. heirs or Assigns for ever and the sd Bledsoe Dameron his heirs etc. shall and will for ever Warrant and Defend the same from the Claims of any person or persons whatsoever unto the sd David Ball Junr. his heirs or Assigns for ever.

"In Witness where of the said Bledsoe Dameron hath set his hand & affixed his Seale the day & year first above written--

his
BLEDSOE X DAMERON
mark

Signed Sealed and Delivered in Presence
of George Ball, Wm. Taylor, Sarah Ball,
John Hughlett, Samuel Hughlett.

"Mem'd that on the 26th day of January 1767 Livery of Seizer of the written mentioned This Thirty Acres of Land and Premises was on this day given by the mentioned Bledsoe Dameron unto the within mentioned David Ball Junr. by the Delivery of Turf and Twig As Witness my hand the day and year above written--

his
BLEDSOE X DAMERON
mark

"In presence of George Ball,
Wm. Taylor.

"At a Court Held for Northumberland County the 9th day of February 1767 This Indenture of Feoffment from Bledsoe Dameron of the one part to David Ball Junr. of the other part with Mem'd of Livery of Seizer there on indorsed was Proved by oaths of George Ball, John Hughlett, and Samuel Hughlett, three of the Witnesses there to, and admitted to Record.

(From Book 7, p. 13, Deeds.) Teste. THOS. JONES, Cl. Cur."

d.THE WILL OF BLEDSOE DAMERON, 1770

"IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN I BLEDSOE DAMERON of the County of Northumberland being in perfect Sence and memory of mind praised be to God, But Sick and Weak of Body, Do Make and Ordain this my Last Will as followeth-- Item, Give unto my Loving Wife Ann Dameron and my Sister-in-law Hannah Dameron the Use of my Land During their Natural Lives and after their death to be sold to the Highest Bidder and my Will & Desire is that the Produce of my land Should go as Followeth, I give Thirty Shillings to my Cousin Charles Williams to him and his forever and I give to my Cousin Winnifred Spriggs Twenty Shillings to her and her Heirs for ever And the remainder Part of the Produce to be Divided Between my Brother Charles Damerons Children George Dameron to have one third part and the other part to be Divided between Mary Hannah Elizabeth and Nancy to them and their heirs for ever.

"Item I give to my loving Wife Ann Dameron my Riding Horse To her and her Heirs for ever-- Item I Give to my Cousin Winnifred Spriggs one young Heiffer To her and her Heirs for ever.

"Lastly I appoint my Friends George Ball & David Ball Senr. Executors pf this my Last Will and Testament, In Witness whereof I have here unto Set my hand and Seale this 16th Day of January, 1770--

his
BLEDSOE D DAMERON (SEAL)
mark

her
"David Ball Junr. William Dameron, Winnifred X Dameron
mark

"At a Court Held for Northumberland County the 12th Day of March 1770 This Last Will & Testament of Bledsoe Dameron dec'd was presented in Court by David Ball Junr. one of the Executors there in named who made bath there to according to Law and the Same being Proved by the Oaths of William Dameron & Winnifred Dameron two of the Witnesses there to was Admitted to Record And on the Motion of the said Executor Giving Security Certificate is granted him for obtaining a Probate there of in Due form.

Teste. THOS JONES C.N.C."*

(Note: Taken from Book 7, p. 471, Northumberland County Records, Va.)

NOTES ON THE BLEDSOES

In the Virginia County Records V. 11, Va. Col. Militia, p. 23, has"Joseph Bledsoe, Sergt. 1st Va. Regt. Col. Geo. Washington commanding, continued in same till regt. disbanded. Spotsylvania Co. Feb. 17, 1786.

Torrence lists Bledsoe Wills: George 1705, Elizabeth 1708, Moses 1764, [illegible] Spotsylvania; William, 1770, Culpeper Co.

*(Note: Inventory of Bledsoe Dameron's Estate was March 1, 1771, Northumberland, signed by Bartholomew Dameron, Rich'd Cope & Thos. Waddy, presented in court by David Ball, Jr., Exr.

CHARLES DAMERON, WILL 1827

Charles Dameron's will is on p. 237, Book 25, Northumberland County, Va. Jan. 6, 1827, recorded 11 Feb. 1828, and shows: "All write & title and clame of property in this world to my wife Sarah Dameron for hur widohud but one dollar to George Dameron, William Dameron to have $25.00, Isaac Dameron to have $25.00, Elizabeth Dameron to have $25.00, Thomas Dameron to have $25.00. Test. Edmond LeCompt, Rachel LeCompt, Susan LeCompt, signed CHARLES DAMERON."

The Sarah in the above will was probably Sally Webb, daughter of Thomas, who m. Charles Dameron, 10 Sept. 1810, Thaddeus Carter, Security on the marriage bond, Northumberland Co., Va. 1783-1850.

Book 25, p. 111, also shows Elizabeth Dameron's Will July 26, 1826, rec. Feb. 14, 1826, Northumbwrland County, Parish of Wicomico: To son Charles Dameron one bed and furniture which he already has. To daughter Nancy Marsh one bed and furniture which she already has. Residue and remainder of estate to son George Dameron, signed ELIZABETH DAMERON, Test. Hiram Gaskins, Jas Barrett, Jessee Banks." She might have been the wife of George Dameron, son of Charles, Jr.

As there is a similarity in names the ancestry of this family may be as follows:

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, wife Dorothy, in Northumberland County, Va. before 1652.
II. THOMAS m. Sarah, daughter of George Bledsoe, lived in Wicomico on estate adjoining Gaskins on Wicomico River, of which he was co-heir, ch. Charles, Andrew.
III. CHARLES, whose heir was Bledsoe Dameron m. Ann, and d. before 1795. He also had a daughter m. Spriggs and had daughter Winifred, a daughter m. Williams and had a son Charles, and Charles, Jr.
IV. CHARLES, JR., whose wife may have been named Hannah, her inventory being Oct. 9, 1775, appraised by Barth. Dameron, Thos. Waddy, Geo. Ingram. The children of Charles were mentioned in the will of his brother Bledsoe, 1770, and there might have been others: George, Mary, Hannah, Elizabeth, Nancy.
V. GEORGE DAMERON, son of Charles, Jr. perhaps husband of above Elizabeth Dameron, whose will shows a son Charles, one George and daughter Nancy Marsh.
VI. CHARLES DAMERON, perhaps son of Elizabeth and George Dameron, though I have no proof of it. His will Jan. 6, 1827, bequeathed to George, William, Isaac, Elizabeth and Thomas Dameron.
VII. CHARLES Y. DAMERON might be of this branch, shown as parent with Lucy Douglass; Jacob Ketmar and Barbary Ellen Wirty, on the Marriage License of Caroline Y. Dameron, age 19, Richmond County, Va. and Michael Ketmar, age 26, Cumberland County, Pa. Feb. 3, 1874.

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MORDECAI G. DAMERON m. Lucy Hughlett, ward of Thomas W. 4/13/1829, Northumberland. His Will is in Book 26, p. 416, Oct. 20, 1830, rec. Nov. 8, 1830: The six negroes I received from estate of Thos. W. Hughlett I wish at my death to return to the same estate. I wisha meeting house built on corner of my land and give an acre of land and $500.00 for that purpose; riding mare Lucilla, saddle and bridle to David T. Ball to ride to preach the Gospel. I give small gold watch, bureau and small mahogany table to Miss Elizabeth Pinckard, requesting her to keep them. Balance of estate to my mother and sister and child, Robert Pinckard my executor. Signed MORD. G. DAMERON (SS), Test. Lemuel Yerby, Joh. Slocum."

HENRY S. DAMERON m. Mariah S. Dobyns Apr. 20, 1861, no ages nor parents given, p. 9, Northumberland Mar. Reg. Anna Dameron was b. Dec. 10, 1872, to Henry and Maria Dameron, p. 40, Richmond County Births. Richmond County Marriages also show: P. 25, 3 Jan. 21, 1869, James L. Hudson, 30 yrs. and Maria C. Dameron, wid. 24 yrs., parents Henry C. and Catherine Hudson, Joseph & Elizabeth Dobyns.

It has required a great deal of research to prove the ancestry of William Dameron but this was finally done by Julia Dameron Old who made a trip to Richmond and searched the Court Records, discovering that his fatherwas Lawrence Dameron, Jr. son of Bartholomew[1]. The descent would run thus, therefore:

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, of Wicomico Parish, Northumberland County, Va.

II. BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON, eldest son, m. probably Elizabeth Garlington.

III. LAWRENCE DAMERON, JR. who had land in Mattapony next to his brother, Josiah. The Northumberland County Court Orders 1729-1737 have the following items:

"Order to meet to appraise Estate of Lawrence Dameron--William Caron and Anne Caron came into court and made oath that Lawrence Dameron departed this life without making a will. (p. 30)

"Christopher Dameron and wife Sarah vs. Geo. Ingram, Def... Geo. Ingram ordered to pay to Christopher Dameron and Sarah his wife sum of 25 pounds current money. (p. 122)

"In the difference depending in this court between Christopher Dameron, plf. and William Caron and Ann, his wife, defendants for and concerning William, the orphan of Lawrence Dameron, it is the opinion of this court that the orphan be removed and upon the evidence of arms by Haynie in this matter, Christopher Dameron is appointed guardian to the said orphan upon his givingsecurity according to law and ordered that the said William Caron pay the costs hereby occasioned as Executor. (p. 137)"

Northumberland County Record Book 1737-1742 had the following on this family:

"Thanewell or Thonwell Dameron having attended one day as an evidence in a suit depending in this court between Margaret Ball, Pl. and John Ball, def., John Ball is ordered to pay her for her attendance. (p. 50)

"May 17, 1741, In action of assault and battery betw. John Irons, Jr.(?) and Thomas Dameron Sr. the (Jr.) failing to prosecute etc.... (p. 170).

"The last will and testament of John Dameron, Dec. was presented to Court by Thomas Taylor Extr. therein named and proved by the oath of Josias Gaskins witness thereto. (p. 353)

"On the petition of William Dameron for his part of William Bentley's estate in the hands of Robert Jones, pay him 332 pounds of tobacco due the sd. Dameron and also one third part of the sd. estate in his hands. (p. 360.)

"Christopher Dameron, guardian of William Dameron, produced an account of his guardianship by which it appears that the orphan is indebted to him in the sum of seven and a quarter pounds of tobacco. (p. 364.)"

The will of Bartholomew Dameron in 1708 said: "I give and bequeath unto my Son Laurence Dameron the one-half of a divident of Land in Mattapony which my ffather bought of Mr. Thomas Broughton by Pattent three hundred and forty-two acres to him the sd. Laurence the Plantation which he now lives on & up the Neck for his part to him and his heirs forever. Item, I give and bequeath unto my son Josiah Dameron the Remainder part of my Land in Mattapony (Vitz) from his Brother Laurence up the Neck..." This was in St. Stephens' Parish in Mattapony Neck, adjoining John Claughton. It is near Kinsale, Va. This region was where Lawrence Dameron, the first, had his first patent of land in 1652.

a. WILL OF WILLIAM DAMERON OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, 1768-1773

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN, I WILLIAM DAMERON of the County of Northumberland being in perfect sence and memory praised be to God for the same but calling to mind the uncertanty of this Life that is but a blast I do therefore make and ordain this my Last Will & Testament in Manner and form following Vizt:

Imprimis, I give and bequeath my soul to almighty God that gave it to me (in full and Certain hopes of parden or remission for all my sins in and through the death of my Dear and Blessed Saviour Jesus Christ) and my body to the earth to be buried at the Descretion of my Exrs. hereafter named & for what worldly goods it hath Pleased God to bless me with I give as followeth--

Item. I give to my loving wife Sarah Dameron all my estate of what nature and kind so ever during her natural Life and after the death of my wife Sarah I give all my Estate to be equally divided amongst all my children & their Legal Representatives.

Item. I appoint my Loving Wife Sarah Dameron Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament Revoking all former wills by me made as Witness my hand and seal this 23d day of March One Thousand &' Sixty Eight.

his
Signed Sealed & Published WILLIAM X DAMERON (SEAL)
to be my Last will in presence of... mark

At a Court held for Northumberland County the 14th day of June 1773, this last Will and Testament of Will Dameron, Dec'd was presented in Court by Susannah Dameron the Exrtx. therein named & made oath thereto according to Law (the witness George Ball being dead) his hand writing was sworn to by the oath of David Ball, Jr. Gent. and admited to Recorded & on the mention of the Exrx.giving seacurity Certificate is granted her for obtaining probate thereof order.

Teste. Thos. Jones, C.N.C.

(Note by H.F.S. This is from Northumberland County, Va. Record Book 1772-76, Part I. page 83.

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APPRAISAL OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE DAMERON 1784, NORTHUMBERLAND

"In obedience to an order of Northumberland County Court bearing date the 9th of February, 1784. We the Subscribers being first Sworn have met and appraised in Current money the Estate of George Dameron, Dec'd as followeth—

"2 tubs and seed cotton, etc...

ONESIPHEROUS HARVEY
CHARLES LATTIMOR
JAMES WADDEY

"At a Court Held for Northumberland County the 10th Day of May, 1784. This Inventory of Appraisement of Estate of George Damron, dec'd was this Day Returned & ordered to be recorded.".

(Note: This is taken from the Record Book of Northumberland 1782-1785. This George was no doubt the son of Charles, listed under the children of Thomas Dameron and Sarah Bledsoe p. 53.)

b. WILL OF ELIZABETH DAMERON, WIFE OF WILLIAM, 1792

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN, I, ELIZABETH DAMERON of Northumberland County and parish of St. Stephens, being very sick and low in health but in perfect sence and sound memory thanks be to God for it and Calling to mind the mortality of man Knowing it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament: First I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to t dust from whence it came to be buried in a defcent manner at the Diferession of my Executors and as it hath pleased God to possess me with a portion of this WORL goods, I desire to give and bequeath them in manner and form as follows.

Item I give and bequeath to my son-in-law George Lewis five shillings current money of Virginia to him and his heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath to my son Roger Dameron my side saddle. Item I give and bequeath to my son William Dame five shillings current money of Virginia to him and his heirs forever.. Item I give and bequeath to my son Luke Dameron three pounds Current money of Virginia to be raised out of my Crop to him and his heirs forever. Item I give and bequeat to my son-in-law Leroy Oldham five shillings current money of Virginia.

Item it is my will and desire that all the residue of my estate not before mentioned to be equally divided between my sons George Dameron, Christopher Dameron and my grandson Edward D. Lewis and it is my desire that the portion of my grandson Edward D. Lewis shall remain in the hands of my son William Dameron untill the said Lewis shall arrive to the age of twenty years. And lastly I appoin my trusty friends Leroy Oldham and William Dameron Exeacutors of this my last will and testament.

Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this thirtyth day of September One thousand seven hundred and ninety-two

her
ELIZABETH X DAMERON
mark (Seal)

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged
in presence of

Sam'l Cralle
Jeremiah X Brown
(his mark)
Mary X Hall
(her mark)

At a Court of monthly session held for Northumberland County at the Court-house, on Monday the 12th of June, 1797,

This last will and Testament of Elizabeth Dameron was presented by the oaths of Samuel Cralle and Jeremiah Brown, witness thereto, and ordered to be recorded: and on the motion of Leroy Oldham and William Dameron, the executors named in the said will, who made Oath thereto, and together with Thomas Oldham and Luke Dameron, their securities, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of five hundred pounds, Conditioned as the law directs, a Certificate granted them for Obtaining probat thereof in due form.

Teste
Catesby Jones, Clk.

Truly recorded Teste. Catesby Jones,Clk.

NOTES ON WILLIAM DAMERON, NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

William Dameron received deed from William Mahanes and Elizabeth, his wife, Feb. 23, 1758, p. 209.

William Dameron of St. Stephens deeds to David Strangham and wife Betty;, witness, William Dameron, Feb. 14, 1785.

William Dameron, security, for marriage of LUKE DAMERON to Jemima Harrison, widow, 24 Sept. 1794. (Northumberland County Records, mimeographed., Marriage License Bonds of Northumberland County, Va., 1783-1850.

William Dameron and Lucinda Sandy, Aug. 15, 1818, William B. Lewis, Sec. Ibid.

William Dameron, widower, and Harriet Lewis, May 19, 1832, J.W.Lewis, Sec. Ibid.

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The Northumberland County Record of Births 1661-1810, Virginia Colonial Abstracts, V. III, has the following:

St. Stephens Parish:

Mary Dameron daug'r to Joseph born March 1, 1714, p. 37.
William Dameron, son to William and Nancey his wife was born Feb. 5, 1792, p. 40.
Onesephrous Damron, son of Mosey and Millicent his wife was born Sept. 4, 1772, p. 41.
Anna Dameron, d. of Jacob and Mary his wife was born Dec. 1, 1775.
Molley Draper Dameron, daughter of William and Nancey his wife b. Decem. 18, 1786, p. 43.
Luke Williams Damron, son to William and Nancey his wife was born March 30, 1789.

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William Dameron of St. Stephens Parish sold land to John C. Dameron, June 8, 1820, Book 22, p. 365.

William Dameron and Lucinda, his wife, give deed to John C. Dameron for five acres of land Dec. 9, 1826, Book 25, Record Books, p. 52.

William Dameron and Polly Mealy, are witnesses to deed to John C. Dameron in 1818 from John Mealy of St. Stephens Parish, Book 21, p. 459.

William Dameron and Lucinda, his wife, sell land to Bartholomew Dameron, Test. George Dameron and Joseph Dameron.

William Dameron is mentioned in the will of Charles Dameron as a son, Jan. 6, 1827, Northumberland. It mentions wife Sarah B., and gives $1 to George, $25- to William, $25 to Isaac, $25 to Elizabeth, $25 to Thomas.

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LUKE DAMERON received a pension in the War of 1812, see Catalogue PR 381, MR 127. CHARLES DAMERON was a sergeant, see PR 251 et. seq. also see John C. Dameron, George C. Dameron in this war.

PART ONE:

FURTHER NOTES ON WILLIAM DAMERON BY JULIA DAMERON OLD:

From William and Mary, I, p. 258: Thomas Waddy died in 1737. His will was presented for further proof on Aug. 8, 1738, on the oath of William Dameron (one of the witnesses).

P. 262: Sept. 11, 1775, the will of Joseph Mott . . . The court appointed David Ball, George Dameron and Barth. Dameron to divide the estate of Randolph Mott between Jane, his widow, and Randolph Mott. On June 13, 1796, William Dameron was guardian to Lucy, Milly, James and Francis, orphans of James Waddy.

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On the subject of the ancestry of William Dameron, I have already noted that we have an item which indicates that he might be the son of Bartholomew, Jr. son of Bartholomew, Sr. b. 1645, and Elizabeth Garlingtin. This was found in a manuscript by Mrs. O.A. Keach on the Damerons of Northumberland County, Virginia, in tracing the line of Thomas of Kentucky. It was sent to me by Louise H. Dameron. "Christopher[3] Dameron (Bartholomew[2] Lawrence[1]) presented the will of his brother, Bartholomew Dameron as his executor, on June 18, 1735, and was the guardian of William (probably his nephew) in 1742." However, the fact that William was witness on the Thomas Waddy will 1738, indicates that he was of age--21 years--in that year, so why should he have a guardian in 1742? Also the will of Christopher 1764 says that his son Bartholomew had all his land entailed to him "and his Uncle Bartho. Dameron dec'd has given him negroes." This may have been because he was named for him,but it would seem he would have left all his property to his son or sons instead of to a nephew, if he had had children. This will Mrs. Cornelius was unable to find of Bartholomew 1735, and the court records will have to be checked. In 1758 William Mahanes conveyed to William Dameron 50 acres of land in St. Stephens' Parish, Northumberland "on a branch running into Matoponie River which was purchased from Travis Downman." This may be the time William moved to this parish from Wicomico if he did, but the deed apparently did not say which parish William was from at that date. I believe that Josiah died too early to be the father of William who would have been of age and now in deed of a guardian in 1742 probably in that case. But then we see he was of age in 1738. It is possible the wife of the second William was a Waddy as he was guardian, 1796.
Mrs. Old also found the following:

William and Mary, V. 23, p. 419: Will of John Harris, dated 23 Feb. 1709-10, witnessed by Geo. Dameron, Josiah Dameron and Onesph. Harvey.

Virginia Colonial Militia Officers, p. 106, Lancaster County, Joseph Ball, Lt. Col. P. 1104, Col. Wm. Ball. P. 1104, Capt. Wm. Ball.

Order Book 1755-65, Aaron Bledsoe, Lieut. of Co. under Capt. Benj. Pendleton, commission dated July 21, 1755.

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Louise H. Dameron sent a note that Helen Lindsay of Kentucky sent information that"Christopher and George B. Dameron settled in Perry County, Miss. 1806-1807. There was also a John in Mississippi, who may be the one who was in Brunswick with the Christopher Dameron family.

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Mrs. Walter Towner Jewell, 1402 North Greenbrier Street, Arlington 5, Va., wrote: "My husband's great-grandmother was Nancy Dameron b. about 1800 probably in Lincoln County, Tenn. and m. Elisha Powers. Her father was Joseph Dameron, who m. Elizabeth Haynie... Joseph had a wealthy brother John who lived six miles from Salem.

1. THE FAMILY OF CHARLES DAMERON OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY.

After a good deal of effort, Julia Dameron Old finally proved that the ancestor of Charles Dameron was Lawrence, the son of Bartholomew, as follows:

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who is first found in Northumberland County, Va. in 1652, with his wife Dorothy. Their children were Bartholomew, eldest, George, Thomas, Lawrence, Jr., and Dorothy, who married, first Josias Gaskins, and second, Samuel Mahan, and Samuel.

II. BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON, 1645-1708, m. Elizabeth, possibly Garlington, whose inventory was recorded 1728-9. He inherited "one-halfe of five hundred acres of land situated in great Wicocomoco which I bought of Mr. Peter Knight," but this did not include the old mansion house which went to George with the other half.

III. LAWRENCE DAMERON. His father's will said: "I give unto my son Laurence One Cow & calf besides what I have already given him * * * * carryed to his Plartation, Lawrence lived in St. Stephens Parish, Northumberland, near Kinsale, apparently on the original land grant to Lawrence[1] of 1652. We find also in the will of Bartholomew 1708 that he gave his son Josiah "the Remainder part of my land in Mattapony (Vitz.) from his Brother Laurence up the Neck to the Extent there of to him & his heirs forever and to have priviledge for pasture with his brother for seven years." Fleet's Northumbria Collectanea says Lawrence Dameron has "Land adj. Jno. Claughton in Mattapony Neck, St. Stephens Parish, 18 Jan. 1707-8; 17.89."

IV. WILLIAM DAMERON, Will signed Mar. 23, 1768, left his estate to his wife, Sarah, as executrix, and the children were not named. It was presented in court June 14, 1773, by Susannah Dameron, with George Ball as witness and oath of David Ball. This indicates his wife may have been a Ball. His guardian was Christopher.

V. WILLIAM DAMERON. In his Will of Jan. 17, 1785, his wife, Elizabeth,received the plantation and he mentions his grandson Edward Dameron Lewis, sons William, Roger "who lives here," Luke, "gone to Westmoreland County," Christopher and George. Roger proved the will June 13, 1785, St. Stephens' Parish.

VI. ROGER DAMERON, son of William and Elizabeth, Will, 1785. In her will, his mother, Elizabeth Dameron, said, Sept. 30, 1792: "Item I give and bequeath to my son Roger Dameron my side saddle."

VI. CHARLES DAMERON, son of Roger and his wife, the daughter of Dr. Jones. The following items have been found relating to Charles Dameron in Northumberland County records:

In 1805 Charles Dameron witnessed the will of Bartholomew. This was the ancestor of the Damerons of Bourbon County, Ky., a descendant being Louise Dameron.

Marriage Licence Bonds of Northumberland Co., Va. 1783-1850:

Charles Dameron (widower) and Jane Keene b. April 19, 1791, Apr. 17, 1822. This was the wife of Charles Dameron, son of Roger.

Charley Dameron and Ann Pope 3 May, 1819, Kenneth W. Crolle, Security. This was the first wife of Charles Dameron, who later married Jane Keene.

Charles Dameron and Betsey Taylor, dau. of Thomas, Feb. 26, 1803, Thomas Ingram, security. Charles Dameron and Sally Webb, dau. of Thomas, 10 Sept. 1810, Thaddeus Carter, security.

Charles Dameron receives a deed Sept. 11, 1820, from Stephen Barnes and Elizabeth, his wife, St. Stephens Parish.

Charles Dameron signs a will Jan. 6, 1827, Northumberland, mentioning his wife, Sarah B., and gives $1 to George, William $25, Isaac $25, Elizabeth $25, Thomas $25.

THE DESCENDANTS OF CHARLES DAMERON AND JANE KEENE

The following genealogy was sent to me by Julia Dameron Old, of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Box 303, who also painted the Dameron coat-of-arms for this manuscript. She said: "The coat of arms are from France and Bruges and are identical except the Bruges coat gives supporters. My aunt had Tiffany's look it up years ago and later I verified it as follows: General C^2 F, 1 A-R, Congressional Library, Washington, D.C., Reitstap Armorial General, Planches Par Rolland Reitstap Armorial, Ref. Plate CLXXIII. Damerin--Flandre: D'arg. au chev. de sa., acc. de trois tourt, de gu. My grandfather, James Albert Dameron, said that the Damerons of Northumberland came from England but that some of them in Louisiana were French Huguenots."

"THE FAMILY OF CHARLES DAMERON AND HIS SECOND WIFE JANE (CHRISTENED JANETTA) KEENE, BOTH OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA:

"Charles Dameron was the son of Roger Dameron and his wife _____ Jones, dau. of Dr. Jones. Charles Dameron d. Jan. 19, 1848; he married first, May 14, 1819, Nancy Pope, d. Mar. 24, 1820. Issue:

"(1) Elizabeth J. b. Feb. 15, 1820; d. July 15, 1820.

"A. Charles Dameron m. 2nd, Apr. 18, 1822, Jane Keene, b. Apr. 19, 1791, d. Oct. 26, 1845. Jane was dau. of Thomas Keene and his wife, Anne McAdam, who was the dau. of Dr. Joseph McAdam and his wife, Sarah Anne Gaskins of 'Gascony.' Capt. Thomas Keene and Dr. Joseph McAdam were both officers in the Revolutionary War. Issue of Charles and Jane Keene Dameron were all born near Heathsville in Northumberland County, Virginia:

(1) Joseph McAdam, b. Sept. 11, 1823; d. Nov. 15, 1870.
(2) Mary E. J., born Mar. 3, 1827; d. _____.
(3) James Albert, b. Mar. 4, 1832; d. Jan. 9, 1919.
(4) Henry Lawson, b. Sept. 13, 1836; d. _____.

"B-1. JOSEPH MCADAM DAMERON m. Feb. 23, 1851, Mary A. Tune. They resided near Lottsburg, Northumberland County, Va. Issue:

(1) Willie A. b. Jan. 15, 1852; d. _____.
(2) Charles Henry, b. Nov. 12, 1853; d. Nov. 16, 1853.
(3) Mary J., b. Mar. 24, 1857; d. July 24, 1857.
(4) Newton E., b. Feb. 4, 1855; d. _____.
(5) Joseph Addison, b. Apr. 15, 1858; d. Oct. 7, 1906.
(6) Ira Tune, born Aug. 24, 1867; d. _____.

Charles Bowers received a head cut, b. [illegible], 1807, from Stephen Barnes and Elizabeth, his wife, at [illegible] Parish.

Charles Bowers began a will Jan. 6, 1827, witnessed/signed, mentioning his wife, [illegible], and given it to George, William [illegible], James McC. Thompson, [illegible], Edward [illegible].

The Descendants of Charles Bowers and Jane Evans

The following genealogy was sent to me by Anita Bowers Ott, of Virginia Beach, Virginia, for 1977. She also painted the Bowers coat-of-arms for this [illegible]. She said: "The most of some are from Frances and Bruce and are [illegible] to the Bowers and Evans [illegible]. My aunt has Tiffany's Lad[illegible] Charles Bowers [illegible] Bowers Ancestral Journal, Flanders [illegible] Bowers [illegible] Plate CLXXIII. [illegible]: [illegible] de [illegible] made [illegible] to us. My grandfather, James [illegible], was [illegible] descendant of Northumberland came from England but [illegible] to Louisiana were French Huguenots."

"The history of Charles Bowers (2) served with Lee (CONFEDERATE LANCER) [illegible], [illegible] County, Virginia:

"Charles Bowers was the son of Peter Bowers and his wife _____ Jones, [illegible] of Dr. Jones. [illegible] d. Jan. 17, 1811; he married first, May 20, 1807, Nancy Doe, b. Mar. 20, 1870. Issue:

"(1) William d. b. Jan. 19, 1809; d. July 17, 1870.

"A. Charles Bowers, b. Feb. Apr. 10, 1822, Jane Jones, b. Mar. 12, 1921, d. Oct. 26, 1905. Jane was dau. of Thomas Jones and his wife, Jane Holden, who was the dau. of Dr. Joshua Holden and his wife, Sarah Jane Davis, of Tuscany. Jane, Thomas Jones and Dr. Joseph Holden were both officers in the Revolutionary War. Issue of Charles and Jane Jones Bowers were all born Gentrsville in Northumberland County, Virginia:

(1) Joseph Holden, b. Sept. 17, 1852; d. Nov. 15, 1870.
(2) Mary A., b. Dec. 1, 1824; d. _____.
(3) Jane Alnoth, b. Jan. 1, 1826; d. Jan. 5, 1914.
(4) Henry Lawson, b. Dec. 5, 1828; d. _____.

"B. Joseph Bowers (Colonel) b. Jan. 23, 1831, m. Tuscan. They resided near Gentrsville, Northumberland County, Va. Issue:

(1) William A. b. Jan. 19, 1853; d. _____.
(2) Charles Henry, b. Nov. 22, 1857; d. Nov. 20, 1922.
(3) Mary A., b. Dec. 21, 1857; m. July 21, 1877.
(4) Martha E., b. Feb. 1, 1860; d. _____.
(5) Joseph Holden, b. Apr. 12, 1863; d. Feb. 7, 1900.
(6) Eva Jane, born Aug. 20, 1871; d. _____.

"C-4. NEWTON E. DAMERON m. Nov. 24, 1882, Fanny Forrester. Issue:

(1) Hurvey Edward, b. Oct. 1, 1887; d. Oct. 25, 1936.

"D-1. Hurvey Edward Dameron m. Jan. 12, 1910, Ida Cowart. Issue:

(1) Edward Page, b. Aug. 15, 1912.

"E-1. Edward Page Dameron m. Nell Clark. They reside in Washington, D.C. Issue:

(1) William Hurvey, b. Nov. 19, 1936.
(2) Edward Page, b. Dec. 15, 1942.

"C-6. IRA TUNE DAMERON m. Minnie Wright(adopted Evelyn V.)

"C-5. JOSEPH ADDISON DAMERON, m. Apr. 15, 1883, Laura Cookman. Issue:

(1) Fanny V., b. July 4, 1886, m. William Carson. They reside in Hyattsville, Maryland. Issue: (1) Dorothy m. Paul Davis.

(2) Lillie, b. July 19, 1888, m. Paul Watson. They reside in Los Angeles, California. Issue: (1) Walter Addison.

(3) Mary S., b. Feb. 23, 1892, m. Roy Mayhew. They reside in Camp Springs, Maryland.

(4) Leslie Yates Dameron m. Flora Hudson. Issue: (1) Leslie Yates,and (2) Jack.

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"B-2. MARY E. J. DAMERON m. 1st, Rock; 2nd, Tune.

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"B-3. JAMES ALBERT DAMERON m. Dec. 10, 1858, Mary Ann Courtney b. Mar. 1, 1838; d. Nov. 3, 1924. She was the dau. of Jeremiah and Lydia Ann Courtney, of Kinsale, Westmoreland County, Va. James Albert Dameron was educated at Northumberland Academy, Heathsville, Va. On the 18th day of Jan. 1862, he was commissioned Second Lieutenant in the 37th Regiment, of the 14th Brigade of Virginia Militia. Then he was made Lieut. in Co. D., 15th Virginia Cavalry, C.S.A. He was wounded in the Battle of Fredericksburg; while home on leave recuperating from the hip injury, he joined in running the blockade to bring in supplies from Southern Maryland. He was captured and, as a prisoner of war, confined in Point Lookout Prison until after Gen. Lee surrendered to Gen. Grant at Appomattox.

"During the war his wife, Mary Ann, and two small sons, went to Kinsale to be with her family; they afterwards moved to Kinsale, and spent the remainder of their lives there; both James Albert and Mary Ann died there.Issue:

(1) Walton Alexander, b. Sept. 18, 1859; d. Sept. 29, 1940.
(2) Frank Abner, b. Mar. 12, 1863; d. Sept. 13, 1919.
(3) James Oscar, b. June 18, 1866; d. Sept. 13, 1949.
(4) Lydia Jane, b. Mar. 18, 1869; d. Aug. 27, 1941.
(5) Mary Ruth, b. Apr. 9, 1871. Unmarried.
(6) Harry Albert, b. July 22, 1874; d. Jan. 19, 1938. Unmarried.

"C-1. WALTON ALEXANDER DAMERON m. circa. 1890 Helena Kleefisch, b. Dec. 11, 1861, New Windsor, Md., d. Feb. 16, 1927. (Adopted Cornella.) They resided at Weems, Lancaster County, Va.

"C-2. FRANK ABNER DAMERON m. Oct. 4, 1887, Florence Jeter Luttrell, b. July 25, 1869, dau. of James LeRoy Luttrell and his wife, Julia Ann Rock of 'Locust Grove,' Richmond County, Va. Frank Abner Dameron was born at 'Poplar Farm," Heathsville, Va. Their home is in Kinsale, Va. Issue:

(1) Mary Julia, b. July 18, 1888.
(2) Frank Alexander, b. May 4, 1890, died in infancy.
(3) Zachariah Courtney, b. Mar. 22, 1892.
(4) Dorothy Luttrell, b. Oct. 25, 1893.
(5) Florence, b. Mar. 1, 1896, died in infancy.
(6) Lois Keene, b. Aug. 4, 1898.
(7) Virginia Davenport, b. Aug. 11, 1900.
(8) Frank Abner, b. Dec. 22, 1904.

"D-1. MARY JULIA DAMERON m. Aug. 22, 1819, Hallie Carlisle Old b. Dec. 16, 1884, Rosemont, Princess Anne County, Va. He is an alumnus of Virginia Polytechnic Institute. They reside at 'Oldton,' Lynnhaven, Princess Anne County, Va.

"D-3. ZACHARIAH COURTNEY DAMERON m. Mar. 24, 1921, Mary Broun Atwill, b. Dec. 9, 1899. He served in Machine Gun Co. 128th Infantry, 32d Division, A.E.F.; was in the Meuse-Argonne and with the Army of Occupation, returning home from Europe May 5, 1919. They reside in Westmoreland County, Va. Issue:

(1) Zachariah Courtney, b. July 30, 1925.
(2) Broun Conway, b. July 25, 1927.

"E-1. ZACHARIAH COURTNEY DAMERON m. June 19, 1948, Ann Lemoine Murphy of Warsaw, Richmond County, Va. He was graduated from Virginia Military Institute; he served as First Lieutenant in World War II. Shewas graduated from Collegiate School, Richmond, Va., and received her degree from the University of North Carolina. They live in Fredericksburg, Va.

"E-2. BROUN CONWAY DAMERON m. Sept. 2, 1950, Dorothy Blanton Ames of Montross, Westmoreland Co., Va. He was graduated from St. Christopher's School, Richmond, Va., and received his degree from Hampden-Sydney College. At this time he is in the U.S. Army Intelligence Corps in Korea. She is a graduate of Randolph-Macon Institute.

"D-4. DOROTHY LUTTRELL DAMERON m. June 30, 1917, Clifford Lee Bussells, b. Sept. 25, 1892, at Fleeton, Northumberland Co., Va. They reside in Alexandria, Va., where he is Executive Vice-President of the Burke and Herbert Bank. Issue:

(1) Dorothy Lee, b. Apr. 9, 1918, Reedville, Va.
(2) Clifford Lee, b. Jan. 10, 1925, Norfolk, Va.

"E-1. DOROTHY LEE BUSSELLS, m. Oct. 28, 1939, James Cabell Brockenbrough, Jr. She is an alumna of Richmond Professional Institute of the College of William and Mary. He attended McGuire's University School. (They were divorced in 1946.) Issue: Elizabeth Keene, b. Sept. 17, 1940.

"E-2. CLIFFORD LEE BUSSELLS attended Hampden-Sydney College; was graduated from the University of Richmond; is now with the Virginia Trust Company, Richmond.

"D-6. LOIS KEENE DAMERON m. Nov. 20, 1926, Alpheus Wilson Embrey, Jr. b. Feb. 13, 1901; he was graduated from Virginia Military Institute and received his law degree from the University of Virginia. He was a member of the Virginia General Assembly for four terms, practices his profession in Fredericksburg and is Judge of the Civil and Police Court there. Issue: Alpheus Wilson, 3rd, b. May 17, 1936.

"D-7. VIRGINIA DAVENPORT DAMERON, m. June 25, 1927, Mennis Lawson Gibson. She is an alumna of Westhampton College of the University of Richmond and attended Columbia University. He attended Virginia Military Institute and studied at Westinghouse Electric; he is a partner in the R.B. Payne Coal Co. Their residence is Fredericksburg, Va. Issue: Courtney Holcombe (dau). b. Dec. 26, 1937.

"D-8. FRANK ABNER DAMERON m. Oct. 25, 1934, Nelle Watters of Huntington, West Virginia. He is an alumnus of William and Mary College; she was graduated from Marshall College. They live in Richmond, Va. Issue:

(1) Anyce Crenshaw, b. Sept. 19, 1940.
(2) Doriss McAdam, b. Feb. 27, 1943.

"C-3. JAMES OSCAR DAMERON m. June 26, 1902, Margaret Bolling Jones, of Dinwiddie Co., Va. Their home is at Weems, Lancaster Co., Va. Issue:

(1) Margaret Fitzgerald, b. Sept. 16,1909.
(2) James Oscar b. Jan. 31, 1911; d. Aug. 13, 1917.
(3) Mary Meade b. Dec. 13, 1912.

"D-1. MARGARET FITZGERALD DAMERON m. Jan. 18, 1947, Dr. Henry Jeter Edmonds, 3rd. She was graduated fromWilliam and Mary College. He practices his profession in Kilmarnock, Lancaster Co., Va., where they reside. Issue: (1) Henry Jeter, 4th, b. Nov. 6, 1948.

"D-2. MARY MEADE DAMERON m. Aug. 26, 1939, Benjamin Felix Woodson. She was graduated from Peace Institute, Raleigh, N.C. He is a lawyer in Charleston, W.Va. where they live. Issue:

"(1) Margaret Kathryn, b. Oct. 4, 1940.
(2) Benjamin Meade, b. Apr. 8, 1947.

"C-4. LYDIA JANE DAMERON m. June 26, 1893, Richard Atkinson Claybrook, son of Col. Edwin Coke Claybrook and Judith Newton Claybrook of 'The Park,' Westmoreland County, Va. They resided first in Kinsale, Westmoreland County, Va., then lived in Cumberland, Md., and finally made Plainfield, N.J. their home. Mr. Claybrook was a President of the New York Produce Exchange and of the New York Southern Society. He died Nov. 11, 1918, and not long after, his widow and three daughters moved to Fredericksburg, Va. Issue:

(1) Mary Newton, died June 19, 1896, age 5 weeks.
(2) Lillian Templeman Brockenbrough, b. Mar. 30, 1898.
(3) Christine Fauntleroy, b. Dec. 18, 1900.
(4) Judith Newton, b. July 6, 1904, Cumberland, Md.

"D-2. LILLIAN TEMPLEMAN BROCKENBROUGH CLAYBROOK m. Feb. 7, 1942, William Edward Biscoe. She was graduated from National Cathedral School, Washington, D.C. They reside at 'Willbrook Farm,' Fredericksburg, Va.

"D-3. CHRISTINE FAUNTLEROY CLAYBROOK m. 1st, Oct. 29, 1927, Walter Randolph Tayloe; m. 2nd, Dec. 20, 1941, Orin Miles Bullock, Jr. Commander Bullock, U.S.N.R.,is now on active duty at the Norfolk Naval Operating Base. He is an architect by profession, having received his degree from Harvard. She was graduated from Hartrige School, Plainfield, N.J.

"D-4. JUDITH NEWTON CLAYBROOK m. Aug. 31, 1929, Clarence Daniel Wheeler, b. Oct. 5, 1904. He received his degree from the University of Illinois and was commissioned a Lieut. in the Army Air Corps. He is now a Colonel in the U.S. Air Force and is on the staff of the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va. She was graduated from Hartridge School and attended Vassar. Their summer home is at Mundy Point, Northumberland Co., Va. Issue: Robert Clews, 2nd, b. Nov. 22, 1935.

B-4. HENRY LAWSON DAMERON m. Maria Dobyns of Richmond County, Va. He served in the C.S. Army and was wounded in the Battle of Manassas. Issue:

(1) Lula.
(2) Henrian, died in childhood.

MATERNAL ANCESTRY OF JAMES ALBERT DAMERON

"JAMES ALBERT DAMERON'S DESCENT FROM COL. WILLIAM BALL OF 'MILLENBECK.'

1. Col. Wm. Ball, m. Hannah Atherold, 1638, in London, England.
2. Col. Joseph Ball, b. 1649, of 'Epping Forest.'
3. Ann Ball, 1681-1763, md. Col. Edwin Conway, their dau. being:
4. Mary Conway m. Thomas Gaskins, of 'Gascony,'; their dau. being:
5. Sarah Ann Gaskins m. Dr. Joseph McAdam, 1744; their dau. being:
6. Anne McAdam m. Thomas Keene; their dau. being:
7. Jane (Janetta) Keene b. Apr. 19, 1791, m. Apr. 18, 1822, Charles Dameron; their son being:
8. James Albert Dameron b. Mar. 4, 1832; d. Jan. 9, 1919; m. Mary Ann Courtney, Dec. 10, 1858.

"JAMES ALBERT DAMERON'S DESCENT FROM THOMAS KEENE AND MARY, OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND:

1. Thomas Keene m. Mary _____.
2. William Keene b. Kent County, Maryland, Mar. 10, 1642; d. Feb. 8, 1684, Northumberland County, Va. m. Elizabeth Rogers, dau. of John Rogers, Gent. and Ellen, of 'Cypress Farm', Northumberland County, Va.
3. William Keene, b. Sept. 11, 1665; d. Oct. 4, 1700; m. Anne.
4. William Keene, b. Dec. 10, 1695; m. Elizabeth Ball, b. Mar. 16, 1701-2 dau. of Major James Ball of 'Bewdley.'
5. Capt. Newton Keene b. Sept. 6, 1725, m. Apr. 14, 1749, Sarah Edwards.
6. Thomas Keene b. Mar.5, 1756, m. Anne McAdam.
7. Jane (Janetta) Keene b. Apr. 19, 1791, m. Apr. 18, 1822, Charles Dameron.
8. James Albert Dameron, b. Mar. 4, 1832.

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"JAMES ALBERT DAMERON'S DESCENT FROM THOMAS GASKOYNE (GASKINS), ORIGINALLY GASKOYNE OR GASCOYNE:

"THOMAS GASKOYNE CAME to Virginia in the Bona Nova and was 34 years old in 1625. He settled in Northumberland County, Va.

1. Josias Gaskins, who had a son Thomas and one Josias who m. Dorothy Dameron, second generation of Dameron.

2. Thomas Gaskins.

3. Thomas Gaskins m. Martha Pinkard.

4. Thomas Gaskins m. Mary Conway, dau. of Col. Edwin Conway and Ann Ball, dau. of Col. Joseph Ball of 'Epping Forest.'

5. Sarah Anne Gaskins m. Dr. Joseph McAdam.

6. Anne McAdam m. Thomas Keene.

7. Jane (Janetta) Keene m. Charles Dameron, Apr. 18, 1822.

8. James Albert Dameron m. Mary Ann Courtney Dec. 10, 1858."

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(Note by H.F.S.--In a letter to me, Julia Dameron Old wrote: "I am looking at some letters dating from 1835, written by James' brother, John Newton Thomas Gaskins Edwards Keene, to my great uncle, Joseph McAdam Dameron, son of Charles. In the letters he frequently mentions Mary and your brothers, Jane Barnes and her family, Thomas, William and Geo. Oldham, my sister, Elizabeth Beacham, cousin Thomas Oldham, Thomas Beacham, etc. I feel sure that Roger was the son of William and Elizabeth."

I had a letter from Julia Dameron Old in which she went into further explanation on this family of Charles Dameron of Northumberland, for which she did the genealogy. She said: "My two nephews, Zachariah Courtney Dameron, Jr. and Broun Conway Dameron are also directly descended through their mother, Mary Broun Atwill Dameron, from Col. William Ball and Dr. Joseph McAdam, whose daughter, Jane, married William Broun, and through Mary Broun Atwill, who through the Baileys was a direct descendant of Col. William Ball. Mary Broun Atwill Dameron's great-uncle, William Ball Bailey, lived at the 'Great House,' the oldest house in Kinsale. This village was founded in 1705 by act of the Burgesses. The Courtney house was next oldest. I had a photostatic copy of the records in Joseph McAdams Dameron's Bible and some of the descendants of Charles are complete strangers to me. My brother-in-law, Alpheus Wilson Embrey, Jr., is a lineal descendant of Charles Yates who laid out the city of Fredericksburg. Wilson's mother was Anne Burwell Yates and she married Alpheus Wilson Embrey.

"Jane Keene was born Apr. 19, 1791. Her father, Thomas Keene, and her grandfather, Dr. Joseph McAdam, were both officers in the Revolutionary War. I have proof for all this.

"My father, Frank Abner Dameron was partner in five canneries in Westmoreland, and was in business with his cousin."

This family is interested in Virginia history and some of them are members of the Virginia Society for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, the Kenmore Association, the theNorthern Neck Historical Society.

Mrs. Old painted a coat of arms of the Damerons for Miss Julia Dameron of Warrenton, N.C. and for a Mr. Dameron of W.L.W. Station, Cincinnati, Ohio. She also had a letter from A. Max Coppege, 1200 Fairfax, Radford, Va. who said that "Across from Cobb's Hall were the Hardings, then the Balls, of Bay View, the Damerons, the Coppeges, and then the Haynies." This refersto the Dameron estate in Northumberland. Mrs. Cornelius wrote to me that"the home of Lawrence Dameron was Gascoyne, while he owned all the land down there to the marshes, his son inherited Guarding Point." We note that the will of George Bledsoe refers to his line adjoining that of Thomas Dameron, Jr., hence it would also be next to the Dameron estate.

Max Coppedge (as it is spelled in the old records, or Coppege, as he spelled it apparently) sent a chart of his connection with the Damerons as follows:

Capt. George Ball m. Grace Haynie
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Sarah m. Christopher Dameron — Grace m. Downman
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: — :
Elizabeth Dameron m. John Coppege and went to Fauquier County, Va. — Mary m. John Coppege
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William Coppege had a daughter Patience who m. Joseph Dameron

Julia Dameron Old sent the following: "The will of Mr. Robert Jones of Fleet's Bay, Northumbwrland Co., probated Mch. 1, 1676, burned with other county records in 1710, and again presented for record by Mr. Richard Lee Nov. 19, 1718... Item, whereas my son Maurice Jones have a competent seat of land given to him by his god father, Mr. John Cossens . . . Then the children of (1) Mr. Robert Jones and his wife Martha were from will, (2) William, (3) Samuel, (4) Robert, (5) Maurice. (From county record.) (6) Mary,the wife of Mr. George Wale (of Lancaster). From other evidence it would seem that (7) Elizabeth, wife of Mr. Thomas Haynes, was a child, also (8) Margaret, wife of Christopher Garlington, and (9) Frances, wife o. Erasmus Withers and (2nd) Mr. Jno. Curtis. The Carters, Lysters, Lees, Hobsons, Pitshughs, Contanceaus were intimately associated with this branch of the Jones family but the Northumberland County records fail to clear up the relationship. (W.M.(1) V. 23, p. 197,198.)

"Mary Ann Jones, dau. of Charles m. about 1758 George Dameron great-grandson of Mr. Lawrence Dameron. Their issue: 1. George Washington. 2. Thomas. 3. Alice. 4. Robert Jones Dameron. George Washington d. unmarried. Thomas Dameron m. about 1790 Elizabeth (tradition says Elizabeth Willis) and had (1) Mary Ann b. 1791, d. June 1862 m. about 1821, Isaac Brent. (2) Willis Dameron b. 1794, d. 1834, probably lived in Georgia. (3) Margaret Sarah Dameron b. 1798 d. Dec. 7, 1839, m. Lawrence Haynie in Northumberland Co., Va. Sept. 4, 1831. (4) Elizabeth d. unmarried. (W.M. (1) 23, p. 271.)

"This Thomas Jones whose will is dated 1762 devised his property 'excepting the family pictures and coat of arms to my well-beloved brother, Frederick Jones.' . . . This Thomas Jones also had a brother Maurice Jones who left daughters but no sons."Arms shown in frontispiece in this volume, all this from article about Capt. Roger Jones who came to colony of Virginia with Lord Culpeper. (27 W.M.(1) p. 5.)

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"Wm. Oldham produced a commission from his excellency the Governor appointing him ensign of the company of militia of this county. (Rev. Proceedings of Northumberland Co. 1765-8, p. 129.)

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References to the family of Mary Conway in the Gaskins family, fourth generation: (W.M. V. II, p. 278.): Thomas^4 Gaskins (Thomas^3, Josias^2, Thomas^1) married Mary Conway, dau. of Col. Edwin Conway. His will of which no copy exists, was presented in court by the exors. Mrs. Mary Gaskins and Mr. Charles Jones Aug. 8, 1737. He had issue named in the will of Elizabeth Schreever: Elizabeth, Thomas, Edwin, Sarah Anne, John and Ann.

1. Elizabeth m. Col. Richard Hull 20 Mar. 1738-39.
2. Thomas^5 Gaskins m. probably Sarah Eustace.
3. Edwin Gaskins d. without issue in 1748. In his will he refers to 'his sisters, Elizabeth Hull and Sarah Anne McAdam and Ann Gaskins and brother Thomas Gaskins.
4. Sarah Ann m. (1) John Pinkhard 12 July 1742; John Pinkard rec'd from the hands of Thomas Gaskins his wife's part of the estate of Thomas Gaskins, Sr. dec'd by consent of Mr. Richard Hull. She married (2) in July, 1744, Dr. Joseph McAdam.
5. John^5.
6. Ann m. Capt. Wm. Eustace, son of Capt. John Eustace and Anna Lee, dau. of Hancock Lee.

5th generation: Col. Thomas^5 Gaskins m. Sarah Eustace as above and his will proved Apr. 12, 1785, issue: 1. Thomas Gaskins. 2. Anne m. (1st) Thomas Pinkard, (2nd) the orator, Richard Henry Lee. (3) Sarah m. John Hull, son of Col. Richard Hull and Elizabeth Gaskins and who was therefore his wife's first cousin. (4) Elizabeth m. June 11, 1775, Edward Digges of Belfield, York Co..

From W.M.(1) V. 11, p. 192: The three inscriptions are from the tomb of Col. James Ball of Bewdley and two of his wives. 'Here lieth the body of Mary, the wife of James Ball, daughter of Col. Edwin Conway, Gent., dec'd, who departed this life the 15th day of Sept. 1730, in the 44th year of her age leaving three sons and five daughters,' etc. Note by George Beale: She married Col. Ball, Apr. 18, 1707, he being a widower at the time and she a widow. Her previous husband was John Daingerfield and his previous wife Ann (Elizabeth?) Howson. 'Here lieth interred the body of ye above mentioned James Ball, Gent. dec'd, who departed this life the 13th day of Oct. 1754, in ye 76 year of his age, etc. 'Here lyeth the Body ofMary Ann, wife of James Ball, Gent. and dau. of the Rev. John Bertrand,'etc.

In the Lancaster County records is the following deed (W.M. 12, 266): "I, Edwin Conway of the County of Lancaster in consideration of my love to my grand daughter Sarah Ann McAdam have given and delivered unto Dr. Joseph McAdam, her husband of the County of Northumberland, 3 negro slaves. Edwin Conway, 16 Jan.1761

V. 17, 210: 1. Col. Joseph Ball of Lancaster Co. born May 24, 1549, d. June, 1711. His dau. Ann Ball m. in 1704 Col. Edwin Conway of the 3rd generation of Lancaster Co., who was born in 1681 and died in 1763. Ann Ball was the half-sister of Mary Ball, the mother of George Washington. 2. Mary Conway, dau. of Col. Edwin Conway of the 3rd generation and Ann Ball m. Thomas Gaskins of the 4th generation. Their children were Sarah Ann Gaskins and others. (Originally spelled Gaskoyne.) 3. Sarah Ann Gaskins m. Dr. Joseph McAdam in July, 1744.

From The Prominent Families of America, p. 202: Edwin Conway (___ 1675) of Co. Worcester emigrated to America about 1640; was granted land in Virginia, Oct. 1644, m. Martha, dau. of Richard Eltonhead and had issue: Edwin (_____ 1698) of Lancaster Co., Va. b. in England m. (1) Sarah, dau. of Lt. Col. Henry Fleete of Lancaster Co., Va. and had issue: 1. Edwin. 2. Mary b. 1686, m. (1) Nov. 11, 1703, John Daingerfield; m. (2) 16 Apr. 1707, Major James Ball and had issue; d. Sept. 1730. Eltonhead was another son of Edwin Conway and Martha Eltonhead.

The Tidewater Trail contained an advertisement from Jayne Garlington Pruitt Southern Research Census, 892 National Press Building, Washington D.C., 1949, saying "My ancestor was Sir Edward Conway, then Col. Wm. and Joseph Ball, then my Christopher Garlington."

Julia Dameron Old also wrote: "I paint coats of arms in sizes 11x14 or 8x10 for $20.00. (The size of the painting is in proportion to the Strathmore board, which measures 11x14 or 8x10). I think the picture you had done of the Dameron arms is excellent. Re the appendices p. 3, which says there was no crest of the Dameron family: Fox-Davis Encyclopedia of Heraldry says: "Among French nobility the crest is generally neglected. But little attention is paid by French heralds to either crests or mottoes but all the noblesse, that is those entitled to bear arms, ensign their shields with a coronet." The French arms are given only to the nobility and are inscribed with the crest crown which indicates it."

She also sent notes on William Dameron: Thomas Waddy's will was presented for further proof on Aug. 8, 1738, on the oath of William Dameron, one of the witnesses. (W.M. (1) 25, p. 258.) On June 13, 1796, Wm. Dameron was guardian to Lucy, Milly, James and Francis, orphans of James Waddy. (W.M. (1) 25, p. 264.)

2. ONESIPHOROUS DAMERON OF WICOMICO PARISH

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON OF Wicomico Parish, Northumberland County, Virginia.

II. THOMAS DAMERON who married Sarah Bledsee? This is not entirely certain

III. ONESIPHEROUS DAMERON had a will of Feb. 8, 1762, Wicomico Parish, Northumberland County, Virginia, in Will Book 5, p. 495. It mentions his wife but does not give her name, leaves his plantation to his son Isaac, mentions sons Maurice and Edmond, the residue to go to "six of my sons." His friend William Angel is also mentioned. The sons mentioned were:

1. Isaac, heir to the plantation. Isaac Dameron and his wife Mary made a deed to Joseph Nutt, witnesses Mosely Nutt, Joseph Hurst and Rene Napier. It was dated Aug. 8, 1764, recorded Aug. 13, 1764, Book 6, p. 448, Northumberland County.

2. Maurice. In N.C.?

3. Edmond.

4. Edward.

5. Jacob, w. Mary, had daughter born Dec. 1, 1775, St. Stephen's Parish. Jacob was in the Revolution.

6. Onesiphorous, m. Mary.

7. Abraham, probably the one in the Revolutionary records of Northumberland

8. Thomas. Thomas O. Dameron in Northumberland m. Judith Clarke 22 Aug. 1827, security William R. Holliday. The 1790 Census, Edenton Dist., Pasquotank Co., N.C. p 27 has Thomas Dameron, with 1 male over 16, same page as Onesephrous.

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The Report of the State Librarian of Virginia,"Revolutionary Soldiers of Virginia,"by Eckenrode, lists as petitioners from Northumberland Jesse, Joshua, Thomas, ~~Thomas~~ and Abraham Dameron (Dec. 15, 1780), and Jacob,p. 178. Gwathmey's "Historical Register of Virginians in the Revolution, 1938, lists the following Damerons:

Jesse, 5th Continental Line
Abraham, Northumberland Co. petitioner.
Jacob " " "
Jesse Sgt. Inf. nbll
Thomas, seamen, Navy
Jesse (Dammaron) 5 Continental Line (same as above)
Joseph, Navy E.
George, Morgan's Riflemen
James (Damron) 4th Continental
Joshua, seamen Navy
Thomas, Northumberland Co. in Capt. George Ingram's Co. recommended to be Ensign Apr. 9, 1781.
George (fifer) 6th Continental
John 2 Virginia State Regiment
John 9th Continental Line

In his Revolutionary War Records, V. 1, p. 235, we find these Damerons: listed by Brumbaugh: Jacob 5296 Ohio, Private, 3 years service #5296, Continental Line Warrants, p. 423; Jesse Dameron, Sergeant Inf. Bounty Land Warrants"List of Virginia State Line Not Yet Receiving Bounty Land for Revolutionary Services." P. 234 has Jesse, "Infantry soldier." There are four listings for Thomas, all in the Navy, one on the "Protector" 1776, one on the "Tempest" 1779, one with Dennis Dameron as warrantee.

The finding of another son of Lawrence, the immigrant, named Samuel, brings up the possibility that he was the father of Onesipherous and that his wife was a Harvey, of the Onesipherous Harvey line. The fact that he names a son Maurice made me think there was some connection with the Maurice Jones line. Maurice Jones is referred to in Christopher Garlington's will of 1709 as "brother Maurice Jones" hence must have been married to his sister.

In the will of Thomas Heath, June 6, 1726, rec. July 20, 1726 (Northumberland County, Va. Book 1726-29, p. 13.) there are mentioned his daughters Betty and Mary Heath, wife Winnifred Heath, executors, wife Winnifred Heath, brother Samuel Heath, brother-in-law Maurice Jones. Wit. Bartho. Schriver (cannotread this name), Samuel Garlington.

Mrs. Cornelius also found the will of Maurice Jones, Jan. 2, 1726, Rec. May 17, 1727 (Northumberland County, Va., Book 1726-29, p. 38): "To Capt. William Heath all my land, if he die without Issue to Capt. John Heath. To Cosens Wm. Heath my negro James; rest of my estate to be divided among my cosens (nieces and nephews) John Heath, Eliza Heath, and Mary Heath. Wit. Roger Winter, Wm. (M) Porter (his mark.)

Mrs. Cornelius at the same time looked up a deed which may indicate when William Dameron moved to St. Stephens' parish. It is in Northumberland County, Va. Book 4, p. 209, Feb. 23, 1758: "William Mahanes and wife Elizabeth convey to William Dameron 50 acres for the sum of 59 pounds Currt. Money of Virginia. Scituate lying and being in St. Stephens Parish of Northumberland County on a branchrunning into Matoponie (Matopony) River which was purchased from Travis Downman and Grace his wife, deed dated Sept. 10, 1757, which land Travis Downman purchased from John Harford and Eliza. his wife deed dated Dec. 7;, 1751; John Harford purchased of Thos. Gunn, the younger, deed dated Aug. 6, 1751. William Mahanes (S), Eliza. Mahanes (S), Wit. William Bailey, Robert Clark."

We find no reason to think that Onesipherous and William were brothers.

The ancestry of Onesipherous if descended from Samuel would then be:

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON and wife Dorothy, of Wicomico Parish, Northumberland County, Virginia. (Maxim Coppage has a theory that Dorothy was related to Dorothy Nicholls Downman and John Nichols of Corotoman (see p. 51-G. There was a Hancock Nicles or Nickless and a John is several of the Damron early wills, and it is not unlikely there was some connection. Mrs. Frank Byram of the Institute of American Genealogy in Chicago, of which I am a member, could find no relation of Dorothy to the Byrams in her genealogy, though she had one Dorothy in it.)

II. SAMUEL, a lost son found by Louise H. Dameron in the Calendar of Virginia State Papers I, p. 14, "On April 14, 1683, a petition was presented from Peter Knight, John Waddy, John Taylor and Christopher Garlington, Vestrymen; and SAMUEL, George and Bartholomew Dameron, Church Wardens, to Lord Culpeper, requesting him to re-instate Mr. Charles Dacres, the rector of Yecomico Church." (See page 12-Supplement.) Samuel's wife may have been a daughter of Onesipherous Harvey to account for using this given name.

III. ONESIPHOROUS DAMERON, Will 1762, of Wicomico Parish, Northumberland County, Va. married possibly a daughter of Maurice Jones, as a son was named Maurice, but no proof has been found of this.

(1)

ONESIPHEROUS DAMERON JR. AND MARY DAMERON

ONESIPHEROUS DAMERON JR. son of Onesipherous, Will 1762, had his will proved Oct. 14, 1782, in Northumberland, mentioning wife Mary, daughter Mary, daughter Nanny Kellum, son Jesse. (Book II, p. 284.) We find that Onesipherous Dameron Jr. is mentioned in the Will of Onesephorous Harvey in 1732, the Quaker who married Dorothy Gaskins, daughter of Dorothy Dameron and Josias Gaskins and granddaughter of the first Lawrence Dameron who came over in 1652. The will of Mary Dameron of 1794 mentions grandson Holland Parkleson Dameron, heir to her land, then under age,"children of my son Jesse Dameron deceased," grandson John Blenford, daughter Nanny Kellum, daughter Mary Blenford.

From the use of the name, we may assume that the mother of Onesipherous Dameron was the daughter of Onesipherous Harvey, who was a Quaker as also was his wife, Dorothy Dameron.

1. Jesse Dameron, son of Onesipherous and Mary Dameron. He was in the 5th Continental Line in the Revolution from Northumberland, and died before his mother's will of 1794. His wife was probably the daughter of Holland Parkleson, as a son received this peculiar name, named Barbara. The Will of Jesse Dameron dated April 3, 1790, was proved Oct. 11, 1790, mentioning his wife Barbara, all the estate to be divided equally among his children.

(1) Holland Parkleson Dameron.

2. Nanny m. Kellum.

3. Mary m. Blenford and had a son John, not of age in 1794.

4. Onesipherous Dameron. In 1799 Onesiphorous Dameron had his will proved in Norfolk County, Virginia, in Norfolk City, Martha Dameron administrator of the estate. (Will Book 2, p. 104-7.) He also had land in 1790 in Pasquotank County, North Carolina. It is likely that he was a Quaker as this region was one where the Quakers went. The 1790 Census Edenton District, Pasquotank Co., N.C. showed Onesephrous Dameron "living in Virginia," with 8 "other free persons, p. 27. On the same page was Thomas with 1 male over 16.

Marion Damron Cropper found in the Norfolk City Records 1797-1850: p. 50, Oney S. Dameron m. Miss Alice Herbert, 28 March, 1812; Wm. Dameron m. Miss Sarah E. Shipp 30 Aug. 1845, p.178; James Dameron m. Miss Ann Dancker 22 Feb. 1825 (by Rev. John French, Methodist), p. 100; David Dey m. Mrs. Mary Dameron 17 Dec. 1838, p. 153; Crocker Hardin m. Miss Francis Dameron, 2 Apr. 1823, James Dameron,security, p. 94; Clarke Hitchcock m. Miss Florinda Dameron 2 Jan. 1828, p. 112.

Mariam Damron Cropper also found in the Bedford County Records, Virginia, "Present at the camp on Gwyn's Island 26 May, 1776, My Lord's company--Jesse Dameron." (p. 34, V. 5, Va. N2.) Other Damerons in Bedford were William, Malachi, Samuel after 1789.

CONSTITUENTS IN WILL OF MARY DAVENPORT

CHRISTIANSEN FAMILY IN, son of Christiansen, Will (1903, the Ind. will proved Oct. 16, 1944, in Northumberland, mentioning wife Mary, daughter Mary Jackson, son Marion, Jacob C., Peter, Will, Frederick Theodore Davenport V, in mentions in the will of Christiansen Davenport in 1912, the Clerk was merely formally making, daughter of Theodore Davenport and Jessie Davenport and grandchildren of the first Theodore Davenport who died in 1912. The will of Mary Davenport of 1924 mentions grandson William Christiansen Davenport, heir to her land, also under her guardianship of by her father Theodore Davenport, 7 grandsons John Blackford, Theodore Jackson Davenport, Mary Blackford.

From the use of the name, we may assume that the mother of Christiansen Davenport was the granddaughter of Christiansen Davenport, who was a leader in the wife, Dorothy Davenport.

I. Jesse Chapman, son of Christiansen and Mary Jackson, he was in the 4th Continental Line in the Revolution from Northumberland, and died before his mother's will of 1924. The wife was probably the daughter of William Pendleton, as a son received his pension under Jesse Davenport. The will of Jesse Davenport dated April 1, 1833, was proved Oct. 21, 1839, mentioning his wife Barbara, all the estate to be divided equally among his children.

(2) William Pendleton Davenport.

2. Mary m. Fielding.

3. Mary m. Blackford and had a son John, who d. age 16 1830.

4. Christiansen Davenport. In 1924 Christiansen Davenport had his will proved in Berkeley County, Virginia, in Martinsburg, Berkeley County, Virginia, of the estate. (Will Book 6, p. 404.) He also had land in 1924 in Pendleton County, West Virginia. It is likely that he was a doctor or with this region and his wife was Mary Jackson. The 1920 Census lists Christiansen Davenport, 54, Mary, Jessie Christiansen Davenport Clerk in Washington, with 7 other live persons, ca. 7. In the same year the Census lists Mary, 60, widow, Jessie Davenport Clerk in the School and Jessie 1910-1 in Mary 3, Marion, 24, Will Clerk, Frederick, 21 Clerk, Theodore, Mary Jackson Davenport 7, Jessie 7, Mary 1, Mary Davenport 1, Jessie Davenport 1, Mary Davenport 1, Jessie Davenport 1, Mary Davenport 1, Jessie Davenport

a. WILL OF ONESEPHORUS HARVEY, LANCASTER COUNTY, 1732

"IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN, I Onesephorus Harvey of the parish of Saint Marys Whitechappel in the County of Lancaster being very Sick and weak but of Sound and Perfect Memory do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following, Imp^{rs}: I give my soul into the hands of my most mercifull redeemer in hopes of the pardon and remission of my sins and my body to the earth its original and as for what estate it has pleased God to give me I give and bequeath as Followeth, Viz. Viz. Imp^{rs}: I give and bequeath my negro woman named Kate to my brother William Harvey and to his heirs forever; Item I give to my sister Rebecca Harvey my negro girl named Nann to her and to her heirs forever. Item I give unto my Brother Tho. Harvey my negro boy named Dick to him and his heirs forever; Item I give to Onesephorus Dameron Junr. one cow and calf. Item, it is my will that all the rest of my estate of what kind so ever it be after my debts and funeral expences be paid, I give to my brother William & Thomas and my Sister Rebecca Harvey Equally to be divided between them and I do hereby appoint my brother William Harvey my whole and sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament. In Withess whereof I have here unto set my hand and Seal this 11th day of May, 1732.

Signed Sealed and Published in Presence of — ONESEPHORUS HARVEY (SEAL)

John Selden
William Chilton

"At a Court held for Lancaster County on the 13th day of Sept. 1732, This will was proved in open Court by the oaths of John _____ and William Chilton, Witness thereto and admitted to record and is Recorded.

Teste S. Edwards Cl. Court.

(Note: This is in Lancaster County Deeds and Wills, 12, 1726-1736, p. 224.)

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WILL OF MARY DAMERON OF NORTHUMBERLAND, 1794

"IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN I Mary Dameron, being weak in body, but of perfect & sound memory and speech, after recommending my body to its kindred earth, and my soul to that omnipotent Creator who gave it existance do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament.--Imprimis--The land whereon I now live I give and bequeath unto my grandson Holland Parkleson Dameron together with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging for his natural life. But until the said Holland Parkleson Dameron arrives at the age of twenty one years it is my will and desire that the land should be rented out and the money equally divided between all the children of my son Jesse Dameron deceased, and in case of the said Holland Parkleson Dameron's having lawful issue arriving to the age of twenty-one years, then to him the said Holland Parkleson Dameron and his Heirs for ever, but in case that he the said Holland Parkleson Dameron die without such lawful issue then to my grandson John Blenford if he arrives to the age of twenty one years, but if he should die in infancy, then the land to be sold, and the money distributed in equal proportions amongst the children of my daughter Nanny Kellum. Item, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Blenford my negroe woman by the name of

Letty together with all her future issue and increase except the child the said woman is at present pregnant with, which said child will be herein after devised.-- Item, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Nanny Kellum, a negroe Girl about three years old named Lucy--also should it so happen that the above devised negro woman Letty should be safely delivered of the child she is at present pregnant with, then, and in such case it is my desire that such issue after it has arrived to the age of one year, should also go to the said Nanny Kellum, and I do herein declare this to be my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills whatsoever. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty-fifth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred ninety four.--

her
MARY X DAMERON
mark (L.S.)

Signed, Sealed & delivered)
in the presence of us)

Hugh S. Sherbourne
Edward Ker
Roger W. Hughlett"

(Note: This will in beautiful script is one of the few which had full punctuation in it as most of them have none at all. It was taken from Northumberland County Record Book 15, 1794-1799, p. 144.)

"At a court of monthly session held for Northumberland County at the Courthouse on Monday the 13th of April, 1795. This last will and Testament of Mary Dameron decd was this day proved in open court by the oaths of Edward Ker and Roger W. Hughlett witnesses thereto, and is ordered to be recorded.

Teste

Catesby Jones Clk

Truly Recorded

Reste

Tho. Pollard, D.C.

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From her Revolutionary files Anne Waller Reddy, Richmond, Virginia, sent me the Northumberland list which shows: "Oney Dameron,head of a house 1780-1, after war went to Norfolk; also Abraham Dameron is listed. Oney, the former, married Martha, widow of Christo. Tompkins, and her will 1842 mentions son-in law Oney S. Dameron. Others from Northumberland listed were: Bartholomew Dameron gave supplies to the army; George Dameron gave supplies to the army; both were head of a house 1780; Joshua Dameron was a soldier, enlisted 1777 in the Navy; Thomas Dameron, Ensign from Northumberland, 1781.

Ruth Damron Dorius searched in the National Archives records of the Adjutant General's Office and found that Jesse Dameron of the 5th Virginia Regiment was in Capt. Thomas Gaskins' Company, Lt. Col. Josiah Parker, commander, (wounded). She also found George Dameron of the 6th V.R. was in Capt. Thomas Patterson's Company, commander Lt. Col. Hendricks, and James Ladd in the 1st V.R. Capt. Abner Crump's Company, Col. Gibson (dec'd 25 March, 1778.)

vii. CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE DAMERON AND BALL FAMILIES

The Damerons intermarried several times with the Ball family of Virginia in Northumberland and Lancaster Counties and were therefore related to the mother of George Washington, Mary Ball Washington.

1. ANN BALL (POPE) AND COL. THOMAS DAMERON

I have not been able to find any record of Ann Ball, the widow of John Pope, who married Col. Thomas Dameron as his third wife, and had a son George, who inherited the estate, and a daughter Ann who married in 1764, Thomas Waddy, "a second cousin." One record says Ann Ball(Pope)Dameron also had a youngest son Thomas, but I am sure this is an error. Anne Ball Pope Dameron died 1764. Her husband, Thomas Dameron, was the son of George Dameron b. about 1640, who was the son of Lawrence Dameron, the first one of the family in Northumberland County. The son of Ann Ball (Pope) Dameron, George, inherited the Dameron estate at Guarding Point, married Mary Ann Jones about 1762-3 and their descendants continued to live on the old estate in Wicomico until it was acquired in 1849 by John Hopkins Harding. Heck does not mention an Ann Ball who married a Pope or Dameron. He has Anne Ball b. 1686 m. Col. Edwin Conway, she being No. 13 in his genealogy of the Ball family, dau. of Joseph Ball and Elizabeth Romney. He also has the daughter of Major James Ball No. 3 and Elizabeth Howson, No. 11: "Anne b. 1700; m. _____ Downman." Her father, James, b. 1678, was son of William Ball and his second wife. "Hayden is of the opinion that he married first a daughter of James Williamson, of Rappahannock County. Her name appears to be either Margaret or Mary. Other members of the Ball family insisted that he married a Miss Harris, but she was likely to have been a second wife as Hayden believes. Both wives died prior to 1675, when he married Margaret Downman." See p. 35 of Heck.

There is a good deal of confusion about the Sarah Ball who married Christopher Dameron and the Ann Ball who married Col. Thomas Dameron and had a son George, vestryman at Wicomico. I believe there were two sisters, Ann and Sarah, though Ann is not listed in the genealogies and Sarah is given as marrying _____ Dameron. In this case Ann would be daughter of George Ball and Grace Haynie, daughter of Sarah Harris Haynie who married second, Francis Waddy, as cleared up by Mrs. J.H. Cornelius. This Ball family lived in Wicomico next to the Damron estate. Few genealogies can keep track of all their daughters, and just because Ann is not listed in the Ball research does not mean that she did not exist by any means. The fact that her daughter Ann is said to have married Thomas Waddy, a "second cousin," may be part of this mythology of the mother Sarah who married Francis Waddy, but is listed in the genealogies as having the name Waddy and her daughter Grace is erroneously named Waddy too. Hence this confusion is proof that Ann Ball (Pope) Dameron was a daughter of Grace Haynie (not Waddy) Ball.

Hayden's Virginia Genealogies are no longer accepted without proofs, and he is quite confused on the George Ball family. I talked with Mrs. Chidester T. Pierce in Nuttsville, Lancaster County, Virginia, who lives just across the road from the home of Mary Ball Washington, Epping Forest, and she looked up this account in Hayden which I wrote down as she read it to me.

We note also that a Thomas Dameron m. Ann Ball, April 10, 1797, David Ball, Jr. security, Northumberland.

VII. CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE BARTON AND BALL FAMILIES

The Bartons intermarried several times with the Ball family of Virginia in Northumberland and Lancaster Counties and were therefore related to the mother of George Washington, Mary Ball Washington.

1. ANN BALL (PAPE) AND COL. THOMAS BARTON

I have not been able to find any record of Ann Ball, the widow of John Pope, who married Col. Thomas Barton as his third wife, nor had a son George, who inherited the estate, and a daughter Ann who married in 1760, Thomas Bailey, "a second cousin." One record says Ann Ball(Pope)Barton also had a younger son Thomas, but I am sure this is an error. Anne Ball Pope Barton died 1776, her husband, Thomas Barton, son of Peter Barton c. about 1690, who was the son of Lawrence Barton, the first one of the family in Northumberland County. The son of Ann Ball (Pope) Barton, George, inherited the Barton estate at Burnt Ordinary, married Mary Lee about 1762-4 and their descendants continued to live on the old estate in Westmoreland until it was acquired in 1864 by John Hopkins Bailey. Such does not mention an Ann Ball who married a Pope or Barton. He has Anne Ball b. 1708 m. Col. James Conway, and being Mr. Ball in his genealogy of the Ball family, also, of Joseph Ball and Elizabeth Bennett, he also has the daughter of Major John Ball No. 3 and Elizabeth Bennett, Ann: "Anne b. 1700; m. _____ Bowman." Her father, James, c. 1670, was son of William Ball and his second wife. "Hayden is of the opinion that he married first a daughter of Jesse Williamson, of Northumberland County. Both seems to be either Margaret or Mary. Other members of the Ball family indicate that he married a Miss Jarvis, but this was likely to have been a second wife as Hayden believes. Ann gives date prior to 1675, when he married Margaret Bowman," See p. 35 of book.

There is a good deal of confusion about the Sarah Ball who married Christopher Barton and the Ann Ball who married Col. Thomas Barton and had a son George, "surveyor at Wicomico. I believe there were two sisters, Ann and Sarah, though Ann is not listed in the genealogies and Sarah is given as marrying _____ Barton. In this case Ann would be daughter of George Ball and Grace Haynie, daughter of Seth Harris Haynie who married second, Francis Bailey, as claimed by Mrs. J.H. Coreelius. This Ball family lived in Wicomico next to the Barton estate. Few genealogies can keep track of all their daughters, and just because Ann is not listed in the Ball research does not mean that she did not exist by any means. The fact that her daughter Ann is said to have married Thomas Bailey, a "second cousin," may be part of this mystology of the mother Sarah who married Francis Bailey, but is listed in the genealogies as having the same Bailey and her daughter Grace is erroneously named Bailey too. Hence this confusion is proof that Ann Ball (Pope) Barton was a daughter of Grace Haynie (not Bailey) Ball.

Hayden's Virginia Genealogies are no longer accepted without proofs, and he is quite confused on the George Ball family. I talked with Mrs. Catherine T. Pierce in Huntsville, Lunenburg County, Virginia, who lives just across the road from the home of Mary Ball Washington, Fighting Ferry. She looked up this account in Hayden which I write down as the real is in it.

We note also that a Thomas Lawson m. Ann Ball, April 10, 1797, David Ball, Jr. security, Northumberland.

2. SARAH BALL AND CHRISTOPHER DAMERON

Hayden says George Ball b. 1680 or 1683 went to Northumberland County, md. (1) about 1714 _____ Haynie, daughter of Sarah Haynie. Richard Haynie was a burgess in 1697 and John Waddy was a vestryman of Wicomico Parish, Northumberland. George md. second before 1745, Grace Waddy, dau. of Sarah Waddy, died 1752,her sons being named in the Will prob. 1752, Book 2, p. 78, Northumberland County Records--George, John, David, Richard, Joseph, and daughter Harris Downman. He notes that Capt. Ball may have married only once as his mother-in-law may have married twice, Sarah Haynie. On Oct. 17, 1744, George Ball has a gift deed of land from his mother-in-law Sarah Haynie, and later bought of his mother-in-law Sarah Waddy. In 1729-1731-41, George Ball was Justice and in 1743 was sworn as Sheriff of Northumberland County at the county court. Children from the Wills of George and Grace Ball were: (1) John, left children and wife Margaret, will dated 1750, prob. 1751, April 8, Northumberland County,mentioning father Capt. George Ball, brothers David, Richard and Joseph and oldest daughter Sarah. (In May 1751 she chose Joseph Ball as guardian so she was at least 14 years of age then, this being the age at which a guardian may be chosen. He was her uncle.)

Hayden says Capt. David, son of above George Ball b. 1680 or 1683, and wife Sarah Haynie or Waddy, died 1770. He says their son George had a will dated June 29, 1770, probated Oct. 8, 1770, in Northumberland County, Book 8, p. 73, which names father Capt. George Ball, mother Grace, brothers Joseph, Richard and David, wife Ann, sister Grace Downman, grandson David Ball, Jr., the children were David, Thomas, Sarah, Martha, Mary Taylor. (Could Ann be the daughter of this Ann Ball?)

Hayden then adds that Joseph, son of Capt. George Ball and Sarah Haynie or Waddy, died 1779, and his sister Sarah married a Dameron and had (1) George Dameron, vestryman of Wicomico Parish in 1770. Note that there were two David Balls, cousins, one m. about 1760 Hannah Haynie, this being Capt. David Ball, son of the brother of Sarah who m. Dameron.

As we see, Sarah married Christopher Dameron and as a widow moved to Brunswick County, Va., with her sons, while it was Ann Ball, widow of Pope, who married Thomas Dameron and had the son George who was vestryman, 1731-1801. This George Dameron was the grandson of Capt. George Ball, who lived at Bay View in Wicomico, Capt. George Ball being the first cousin of Mary Ball Washington.

3. SARAH BALL AND JOSEPH DAMERON OF CASWELL COUNTY, N.C.

There was also a Sarah Ball, oldest daughter of John Ball, will 1751. Also Capt. David Ball died 1770 had a daughter Sarah mentioned in his will. The Sarah who m. Christopher Dameron had had nine children by 1764 when her husband died. Jennie Harding Cornelius says this Sarah was the daughter of George Ball and Grace Haynie. The DAR Lineage Book B. 136, p. 139, says: "Joseph Dameron m. 1780 Sarah Ball. Joseph Dameron 1763-1834 served as a private in the Virginia Navy from 1779-80, from Northumberland County, Va. where he was born. He died in Caswell County, N.C." Could this Sarah Ball have been one of the daughters above mentioned of John Ball, 1751 will, or Capt. David Ball, will 1770? Joseph's son Bartholomew 1775-1847 m. Rebecca Malone in 1798, 1781-1851.

While we are on this subject, Mrs. Pierce said Mrs. Alfred I. Dupont was also descended from Capt. George Ball, in the same line as Sarah Ball, and had helped with the Lancaster Centennial just celebrated in 1952.

4. MARY MOORE AND GEORGE BALL DAMERON

The same family is probably to be found in the midst of this confusion in the following taken from American Ancestry, V. 4, p. 58: "James Palatine Dameron b. Caswell Co., N.C., moved to Mo., 1830, Randolph County, with parents. Son of Wm. Moore Dameron of Mt. Airy, Mo., b. Caswell Co., 1799, who was the son of George Ball Dameron of Randolph County, Mo., b. Brunswick Co., Va. 1771, Methodist, married 1799, Mary Moore whose mother was a Ball and related to George Washington; son of Joseph Dameron of Hanover, Va., at battle of Guilford Court House in Revolutionary Army, father a Huguenot came from France abt. 1700 settled at Monaskin above Richmond, Va." Jennie Harding Cornelius says there was only one Dameron family, not another Huguenot family, and that this Joseph was related to the Brunswick County Damerons. Mrs. Pierce knows the history of Monaskon, which is near Millenbeck in Lancaster, where the Ball family originated and she never heard of any Dameron there. Monaskon is the estate of the Fox family of Hannah Ball b. 1650, daughter of the first Ball, who married Capt. David Fox July 22, 1670. James Ball, brother of Capt. George Ball of Wicomico, m. as his third wife Mary Ann Bertrand Ballantine, daughter of the French Huguenots Rev. Bertrand and Lady Bertrand. It is possible that a Joseph Dameron was at Monaskon as a tutor or in some capacity in which he did not own land hence left no land records. The above reference says "Monaskin" above Richmond. This would refer to Manakin, the Huguenot settlement, where in 1714 there were 300 in the colony, but I could not find any Dameron in any of their records. William and Mary Quarterly, p. 242, has an item on Monaskon describing the Fox family. Mrs. Pierce told me of the Bertrand connection.

Mary Ball Washington's father, Joseph, left no descendants in the male line.

5. CHARLES DAMERON AND JANE KEENE, GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER OF ANN BALL CONWAY

The descendants of Charles Dameron and Jane Keene of Northumberland County, Virginia, are descended from Ann Ball, daughter of Col. Joseph Ball, of Epping Forest, and granddaughter of William Ball of Millenbeck, the first one.

The following is copied from the records of Julia Dameron Old, Bod 303, Virginia Beach, Virginia:

I. Col. William Ball who married Hannah Atherold or Atherall July 2, 1638, in London, England, and whose children were all born in England. Richard died 1677. William b. 1641 died 1694. Joseph b. 1649 d. 1711. Hannah b. 1650.

II. Col. Joseph Ball b. May 24, 1649, d. June, 1711, of Epping Forest, md. first Elizabeth Romney and second, Mary Montague Johnson, mother of Mary, mother of George Washington. One of their daughters was Ann 1681-1763 who married Col. Edwin Conway, third generation of Lancaster County, Va.

III. Ann Ball, above, daughter of Col. Joseph Ball, b. 1649, married Col. Edwin Conway. Their daughter Mary married Thomas Gaskins, fourth generation, Northumberland County, Va., and her daughter was Sarah Ann Gaskins.

IV. Mary Conway, above, who married Thomas Gaskins, had a daughter Sarah Ann Gaskins, who married Dr. Joseph McAdams July 11, 1744, and had a dau. Anne.

V. Sarah Ann Gaskins, m. Dr. Joseph McAdams, and had daughter Anne.

VI. Anne McAdams, above, md. Thomas Keene and had a daughter Jane b. Apr. 19, 1791, who married Charles Dameron, April 18, 1822, their son being James Albert Dameron. Charles Dameron died 1847. The marriage bond was Apr. 17, 1822, Northumberland County, Va.

VII. Jane Keene, above, b. April 19, 1791, m. Charles Dameron, April 18, 1822, Northumberland County, Va. He died 1847.

VIII. James Albert Dameron, son of Charles and Jane Keene Dameron, b. Mar. 4, 1832, d. Jan. 9, 1919, md. Mary Ann Courtney Dec. 10, 1858, b. Mar. 1, 1838, d. Nov. 4, 1924. Their children were Walton, Alexander, Frank Abner, James Oscar, Harry Albert, Lydia Ann and Mary Ruth Dameron. One of their descendants is Mrs. Henry Jeter Edmonds, Kilmarnock, Va. and another is Mrs. H.C. Old. Mrs. Oscar Dameron still lives at Weems, Va.

In the book by E.L.W. Heck, Colonel William Ball, no Mary Conway is listed. However, these genealogies are some of them still incomplete. Also she may have first married someone else. A Mary Ball, dau. of Major James Ball b. 1721 md. Col. Richard Seldon. Hayden has Mary Conway Dangerfield, widow, who was the second wife of James Ball b. cir. 1678 and the mother of all his children except the first three. Their daughter Mary b. 1721 m. Col. Richard Seldon. Elizabeth Ball b. 1701-2 m. William Keene, who was the second daughter of above James Ball and his first wife Elizabeth Howson. Heck gives the following genealogy of this branch:

I. COL. WILLIAM BALL who married Hannah Atherall or Atherold in London July 2, 1638, and had sons Richard, William and Joseph and daughter Hannah who md. Capt. David Fox.

II. JOSEPH BALL b. May 25, 1649, d. June, 1711, m. (i) 1675 Elizabeth Romney; (ii) Mrs. Mary Johnson. By Mary Johnson he had an only child, Mary, mother of George Washington. He left no male line of descendants. Joseph Ball lived at Epping Forest and was a Lieutenant-Colonel, vestryman of the church, etc. and is buried beside his two wives at Epping Forest in Lancaster County, Va. Mary Ball b. 1707-8, d. Aug. 25, 1789, m. March 6, 1730-1, Augustine Washington, and had children:

(1) George Washington, oldest, b. Feb. 11, 1731-2, who married Jan. 6, 1759, Martha Dandridge, daughter of John, and widow of Daniel Parke Custis. George had no children.
(2) Betty b. June 20, 1733, m. Col. Fielding Lewis and lived at Kenmore, Fredericksburg, near her mother as a widow.
(3) Samuel b. Nov. 16, 1734, m. (i) Jane Champe and (ii) Mildred Thornton, and (iii) Lucy Chapman.
(4) John Augustine b.Jan. 13, 1736, m. Hannah Bushrod, and left his estate at Mt. Vernon to his brother George Washington.

The children of Joseph Ball and Elizabeth Romney are given by Heck thus:

1. Hannah b. cir. 1683, m. Raleigh Travers.
2. Elizabeth b. cir. 1685 m. The Rev. John Carnegie.
3. Esther b. 1686 m. Raleigh Chinn.
4. Anne b. 1686 m. Colonel Edwin Conway.
5. Joseph b. March 11, 1689, m. Frances Ravenscroft.

III. ANNE BALL b. 1686 md. Colonel Edwin Conway and had children:

1. Ann b. cir. 1700; m. Robert Edmonds.
2. Elizabeth b. cir. 1702; m. May 5th, 1724, Christopher Garlington; their daughter Elizabeth m. Peter Spencer Hack.
3. Agatha b. cir. 1710; m. Cuthbert Spann.
4. Peter b. cir. 1712; m. (i) Elizabeth Spann; (ii) Betty Lee. 5. George, m. Anne Heath. 6. Hannah b. cir. 1724, m. Tunstall Hack.

PART ONE: CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE DAMERON AND BALL FAMILIES.

Julia Dameron Old sent the following notes on the Dameron-Ball connections, from Virginia Genealogies (Virkus? Hayden?): "Thomas Dameron m. 1730 his third wife, Ann, widow of John Pope and dau. of Capt. Geo. Ball. Capt. Geo. Ball, son of Capt. Wm. Ball,was born about 1680. Capt. William Ball was grandfather of Mary Ball Washington. Lawrence[1], George[2], Thomas[3], George[4] b. 173__, the second son of Col. Thomas Dameron inherited 'Guarding Point' plantation."

Mrs. Old did not have the reference for the following: "Major James Ball of Bewdley m. 1699 Elizabeth Howson, 2nd child, Elizabeth b. Mar. 16, 1701-2, m. Nov. 2, 1721, William Keene.

"Col. John Bushrod b. Jan. 30, 1663, m. Hannah, the dau. of Wm. Keene of Northumberland, and Elizabeth,his wife."

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Ruth Damron Dorius wrote that she had seen a pamphlet by Alfred Speer Dameron, "he traced his line from Thomas--son of Lawrence. His data lining up the early generations corresponds with your work. He lines up the Ball family as follows:

"First generation: Capt. Wm. Ball, born ____, died 11-1680; wife, Hannah Atheroll.

"Second generation: Col. James Ball, 1678-1754; wife, Mary Conway Ball, 1730.

"Third generation: Col. James, 2nd son, (1718-1789); Judathan, 4th son, (1725-49), James Jr., Jessie Ball (1716-1747). Capt. David Ball 6th son and a twin bro. James 1686-1732. Mary Ann Ball 1689-1750 (60 yrs.) Joseph Ball, 4th son of Capt. Wm. Ball and father of Mary, mother of George Washington.

"Capt. George Ball 1680-1746, 1st marriage 1700-01; issue: Capt. Geo. Ball (Ann Ball, first married Pope then Capt. Thomas Dameron); 2nd marriage, issue: Sarah Ball, by his wife Grace Haynie Waddy; Sarah Ball married Christopher Dameron.)"

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We may add here the ancestry of George Washington: I. John Washington, of Tewitfield, Warton, Lancashire, m. Margaret d. of Robert Kitson, of Warton Hall. II. Lawrence Washington, to whom Henry VIII granted Sulgrave Manor, Northamptonshire, died 1585, m. Amy d. of Robert Pargiter. Their son was: III. Robert Washington, d. 1619, of Sulgrave, m. Elizabeth d. of Robert Light. Their son was: IV. Lawrence Washington, d. 1616, m. Margaret d. of William Butler. Their children were: 1. Sir William Washington of Packington. 2. Sir John Washington of Thrapston. 3. Rev. Lawrence Washington (4thson), b. about 1662, Rector of Purliegh, Essex, m. Amphillis Rhoads, Boudon or Twigden. Their sons were: (1) John Washington, b. 1634,went to Virginia about 1657, died 1677, m. Ann. dau. of Nathaniel Pope of Virginia. Their son was: (a) Lawrence Washington d. 1697, m. Mildred Warner; their son was: (a) Augustine Washington m. first Jane Butler. Died 1729. M. second, Mary Ball. Their son was: George Washington b. 1732, d. 1799. Also (2) Lawrence Washington, son of Rev. Lawrence, went to Virginia about 1657 with his brother. The early name was Wessyngton of Durham County. The arms were three stars on a shield with two bard, which looks very much like the American shield adopted after the Revolution, which Washington had a hand in - designing. It is the same stars and stripes,and also had an eagle over it. See p. 9 of Washington by J.D. Sawyer. Sulgrave is near the ancestral homes of Franklin, William Penn and the Adams family in England.

6. THE HISTORY OF THE BALL FAMILY OF VIRGINIA ANCESTORS OF GEORGE WASHINGTON

Jennie Harding Cornelius sent me a little book by Earl L.W. Heck, called Colonel William Ball of Virginia, The Great-Grandfather of Washington, published 1928, S.W. Dutton, 103 Newgate Street, London. It is considered authoritative. Heck says:

"The surname Ball, according to the best authorities, dates from Norman times and is a shortened form of Baldwin, which family were for many generations Counts of Flanders. In fact, William the Conqueror married Matilda, the daughter of Baldwin VIII . . . Colonel Ball did bring with him to Virginia an illuminated parchment on which was engraved the Coat of Arms of his family . . . a rampant lion holding a globe in his paw, a helmet and shield, a vizor strong, and a coat of mail and other emblems of strength and courage . . . Colonel William Ball, who came from England with his family, about the year 1650 and settled at the mouth of Corotoman River in Lancaster Co., Va. . . . Besides William, five other men bearing the same surname came to America prior to 1650. A Robert Ball was on the Eastern Shore in 1623, Richard Ball came to America in the 'George' in 1619. Another Richard Ball is mentioned as living in Elizabeth City, Va. in 1627, and was probably the same as the one mentioned above. Still another Richard Ball came in the transport, 'Assurance' in 1635 to Virginia . . . There has been, it appears, a tradition of long standing in the family of Alling Ball that originally three brothers came to America, not all at once, butat different intervals, and that two of them settled in Virginia . . . Hayden . . . is of the opinion that Colonel William was the youngest brother of a family of five who came to America. Of these, Richard, the eldest, and William came to Virginia, and John, Francis and Alling went to New England... It seems very probable that the Rev. Richard Ball, Vicar of St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, was the father of Richard and William Ball of Virginia and Alling Ball of Connecticut . . . Wright is of the opinion that one of Colonel Ball's elder brothers was John Ball of Kent, who made a name for himself on account of his piety." (See pp. 1-23.) It mentinns that Richard Ball was educated at Oxford, and in 1613 resigned his Professorship at Oxford and 'was succeeded in the Vicarage of St. Helen's by Mr. Thomas Downing.' The net opinion is that the ancestor of Washington was a younger son of this Richard Ball 'of the Northamptonshire bra ch.'

"Hayden asserts . . . that Colonel Ball was married July 2nd, 1638, in London to Miss Hannah Atherall or Atherold, the daughter of Thomas Atherold, a barrister-at-law, who was living at Gray's Inn during 1610-11. He appears to have been the son of Thomas Atherold, of Burgh, Suffolk, and was born about 1590; his mother was Mary Vessey. Hannah Atherold's mother was Mary Harvey, a daughter of John Harvey, of London. (Foster's Collections."

(Note by H.F.S. Not only was George Washington the perfect gentleman of the American tradition but also he came of the best English families, and in the Library of Congress is a chart showing his descent from some nine of the barons who forced King John to sign Magna Charta. Also the tradition is that he was descended from John Ball of Kent, the famous leader of the Peasant Rebellion with Wat Tyler. Incidentally, the Foster family was descended from Baldwin of Flanders, through the brother of Matilda, wife of William the Conqueror, named Richard, who came to England with the Conqueror. Matilda was descended from the Emperor Charlemagne and Pepin le Bref, etc.)

Heck notes that Colonel Ball "in company with other royalists . . . fled to Virginia, the most loyal of the king's possessions, and the last to surrender to Cromwell's authority. Ball probably left England soon after the death of Charles I, arriving in Virginia about the year 1650." He notes also that during the first eight years in America he may have "spent these years operating a vessel between England and Virginia . . . It is, therefore, quite probable that William Ball became a tobacco merchant . . . In 1661 his name still appears in the Northumberland County Records as a merchant.. Later he became a planter . . in Lancaster County . . . A fewyears . . . later he acquired three hundred additional acres of rich bottom land adjoining the estate of Daniel Fox, whose friendship Ball appears to have cultivated, and who later became the Colonel's son-in-law, marrying his only daughter, Hannah. It was on the Lancaster County estate, however, where Colonel Ball built the beautiful Georgian mansion which later was to become famous He named it 'Millenbeck' . . . held for four successive generations by William Balls, and with 'Epping Forest,' the home of Mary Ball (Washington),played a prominent part in the annals of Virginia history."

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The chapter "The Descendants of Colonel Ball," says: "Children born in England--

"1. Richard, died in infancy.
2. William b. Jan. 2nd, 1641; d. Sept. 30th, 1694, m. (i) _____ Williamson (?); (ii) _____ Harris; (iii) 1675 Margaret Downman.
3. Joseph b. May 25th, 1649; d. June, 1711; m. (i) 1675 Elizabeth Romney; (ii) Mrs. Mary Johnson. (Mary Johnson was the mother of an only child, Mary, who became the mother of George Washington.)
4. Hannah b. March 12th, 1650; m. July 22nd, 1670, Captain David Fox. (She lived at Monaskon, adjoining her father's place "Millenbeck.")

"William, the second son, inherited Millenbeck, where he continued to live . . . he first married a daughter of James Williamson, of Rappahannock County;... Margaret or Mary. Other members of the Ball family insisted that he married a Miss Harris . . . In 1687 he was appointed to lay off the boundary between Lancaster and Northumberland Counties. He was a Justice in 1680 and . . . Burgess from Lancaster County. He died in 1694.

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The chapter "The Descendants of Colonel Ball," says: "Children born in England--

"1. Edward, died in infancy.

2. William b. Jan. 2nd, 1643; d. Sept. 1676; m. (1) _____ (illegible) (?); (ii) _____ Harris; (iii) 1675 Margaret Downing.

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"Joseph, the second son of William Ball, and the grandfather of Washington, was born in England May 29th, 1649, and was about one year old when he came to Virginia. . . . He probably received the greater part of his education in London, and was married about 1675 to Jeanette Kenney or Penney . . . descendant of William Kenney, Alderman and one time Sheriff of London . . .

He remained in England until his wife's death which occurred about 1700." His second wife 'was a widow by the name of Mrs. Mary Johnson. It appears that a report reached the children of Joseph Ball that she was a woman of plebian family, and at first they were greatly angered at their father for marrying beneath his station . . . she was really a descendant of the ducal house of Montague . . . Washington himself used the MontagueCrest for his seals. Only one child was born of this second union of Joseph Ball--a daughter, Mary, in 1707-8. She is reported to have been a very beautiful girl and has won for all time the much-coveted title, 'belle of the Northern Neck.' She was twenty-three years old when on March 6th, 1730-1, she married Augustine, the son of Lawrence Washington, the neighbour, friend and colleague of Colonel William Ball.' Joseph lived at Epping Forest . . . now part of Oakley, the seat of the Lancaster Chinns, who are descendants of Joseph Ball. Colonel Ball and his two wives now rest in the family vault built near the mansion."

I have given the descendants of Joseph Ball earlier. Heck gives those of his brother William and the sister Hannah, also. The children of Hannah Ball and Capt. David Fox of Monaskon were:

1. Hannah b. July 25th, 1671; m. Rodham Kenner.
2. David b. 1672; died in 1679.
3. William b. about 1673; m. Ann Chinn.
4. Samuel b. Feb. 28th, 1674; wife unknown.

Heck gives the "children of William Ball by his second marriage" as follows. However, Hayden says William was son of Margaret Williamson, and as he was the oldest son, undoubtedly the other children were all by her. "Hayden is of the opinion that he first married a daughter of James Williamson, of Rappahannock County. Her name appears to be either Margaret or Mary. Other members of the Ball family insisted that he married a Miss Harris, but she was likely to have been a second wife as Hayden believes. Both wives died prior to 1675 when he married Margaret Downman."

"1. William b. cir. 1676 m. Hannah Beale. (Hayden says he died March 1, 1744.)
2. Richard b. cir. 1676, m. Sarah Young. (Hayden says he d. 1726.)
3. James b. cir. 1678 m. (i) Elizabeth Howson; (ii) Mary Dangerfield (iii) Mary Anne Ballantine. (Hayden says he d. Oct. 13, 1754, md. (1) Elizabeth Howson and (2) Mary Conway Dangerfield, widow, and (3) Mary Ann Bertrand Ballantine, dau. of Rev. Bertrand and Lady Bertrand, French Huguenots.)
4. Joseph b. cir. 1680; m. Mary Spencer. (Hayden says he d. Sept. 1721.)
5. George b. cir. 1683; md. Grace Waddy. (This is an error. He m. Grace Haynie, daughter of Sarah Harris Haynie, who later married Francis Waddy.)
6. Samuel b. Sept. 26, 1686; m. Ann Taylor. (Hayden says his descendants are 'little known.')
7. Davidb. Sept. 26, 1686; m. (i) _____; (ii) Ellen Heale.
8. Stretchley, died while quite young.
9. Margaret, date of birth unknown; m. Rawleigh Downman.

The above George Ball who married Grace Haynie, not Waddy, is listed as having the following children by Heck:

1. John b. cir. 1710, m.Margaret Ball. (Hayden says his will dated 1750, was probated Apr. 8, 1751, Northumberland County, Va.
2. David b. cir. 1712, died without issue.

3. George b. cir. 1712, m. Ann Taylor.
4. Joseph b. cir. 1715, m. Hannah _____.
5. Richard b. cir.1716.
6. Sarah b. _____; m. _____ Dameron. (This was the wife of Christopher Dameron who died 1764 in Northumberland County, after which the widow with her sons moved to Brunswick County, Va.; according to J.H. Cornelius.)
7. Harris Downman.
8. Grace b. 1716-17; m. (i) _____ Burns; (ii) Travers Downman."

? 9. Ann Ball who married (i) John Pope and (ii) Col. Thomas Dameron of Wicomico Parish, and had a son George, the grandson of Capt. George Ball of Wicomico Parish,and vestryman in the parish. Ann is not listed in the records, but her connection is clear through the records elsewhere. Her daughter Ann married Thomas Waddy, in some records called a "second cousin."

Heck gives his sources as the Superintendent of the Reading Room and Keeper of Manuscripts of the British Museum, the Librarian of the Record Office, Guildhall, Hayden's Virginia Genealogies, and Colonial Families of the United States of America, George N. Mackenzie. (Mackenzie alsohas the family of Christopher Foster, our ancestor, with his coat of arms illustrated.) Heck has no mention of a Ball who married a Moore nor of any other Dameron than the one who married Sarah Ball dramatically called "_____ Dameron."

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From the records of witnesses to wills and deeds, we see that the Ball family was the one most closely connected with the Damerons as friends and neighbors in Northumberland as well as by marriage, and some of the marriage connections have not been traced. Julia Dameron Old wrote to me and said, "My grandfather, James Albert Dameron, frequently spoke of the Damerons being closely related to Mary Ball, mother of George Washington." Of course, we do not know who Dorothy was, the wife of the first Lawrence, and she may have been a Ball. We know that in England in Suffolk Thomas Baule (Ball) married Anne Dameron, widow, Nov. 17, 1605, see page 2 of this manuscript. In the early time, people chose to settle next to their closest friends and relatives, as communications were so difficult and they had to be sure of having someone dependable in time of need.

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The biography of George Washington by J.D. Sawyer says, p. 559: "Colonel Joseph Ball, father of Mary Ball, was a vestryman of Christ Church, Lancaster, Virginia. Folklore asserts that he was a descendant of John Ball, the Mystic, popularly known as 'the mad preacher of Kent,' who was imprisoned for his freedom of speech. Set at liberty by Watt Tyler and Jack Straw in the insurrection of 1381 he joined them in leading one hundred thousand Kentish men in a revolt in which the palace of the Archbishop of Canterbury was sacked. All three leaders paid for this act with their heads,which were impaled on London Bridge." What is important is not whether or not this is true, but whether or not George Washington believed it to be true--for he was the greatest Revolutionary of his time, or at least one of them, and if he believed himself a descendant of a famous rebel, it must have influenced his ideas. His two half-brothers were Tories, so it must have been the Ball in his character which made him what he was, as he was the wealthiest and most comfortable man in America when he took the lead in the way that went to Valley Forge.

viii. NOTES ON NORTHUMBERLAND AND LANCASTER COUNTIES, VIRGINIA

JOSEPH DAMERON. Mary Dameron, daug'r to Joseph born March 1, 1714, St. Stephens Parish Records, Va. Col. Abstracts, V. III, p. 37.

JOSEPH DAMERON, witness to deed from William to Bartholomew Dameron, 1828.

CHRISTOPHER DAMERON received deed from Stephen Mahanks Aug. 11, 1750.

CHRISTOPHER DAMERON, Inventory 1836, Northumberland, Alexander Dameron, Adm. It mentions Sally Burton, sister of Christopher.

BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON buys land from William Dameron and Lucinda, his wife, Test. George Dameron and Joseph Dameron, Sept. 12, 1828.

BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON and wife, Lucy (X) on 23 Aug. 1834, deed to James Burton, Northumberland.

THOMAS DAMERON, SECURITY for Conway Garner, 1756, from p. 46, Garner-Keene Families of the Northern Neck. Conway Garner moved to Mecklenburg, Va. (Checked by Mrs. C.T. Pierce, Nuttsville, Va.)

THOMAS DAMERON, widower, and Chloe Pharis, widow, were married, Peter Carter, Security, 29 Aug. 1793. (Marriage License Bonds of Northumberland County, Va., 1783-1850.)

THOMAS DAMERON and Ann Ball Apr. 10, 1797, David Ball, Jr. Sec. Ibid.

THOMAS O. DAMERON and Judith Clarke 22 Aug. 1827, William R. Holliday, Sec. Ibid.

THOMAS DAMERON and Harriett Edwards, 9 Oct. 1835, George T. Dameron,Sec.

THOS. O. DAMERON, widower, and Harriet Clarke, 8 Feb. 1837, George Wilkins, Sec. Ibid.

Above reference also lists, p. 118, Alice, Ann Steptoe, Catherine A., Elizabeth, Fanney, Gracy, Hannah, Lucy S., Mary, Mary, C.W., Molly, Nancy, Sally, etc. I did not check it carefully. Ann Dameron 9 Sept. 1835, m. Wm. C. Booth, p. 11. Also listed were: Fanney P., Mary E. J., Molley, Polly C. Polly Dameron m. Daniel H. Haynie 11 May, 1816, C. Jones, Sec.

JOSHUA DAMERON and Nancy Lunsford, 28 Sept. 1789, John Carter, Sec. p. 25.

ROBERT DAMERON and Alice C. Shearman, 14 Sept. 1794, THOS. DAMERON, Sec.

JOHN DAMERON and Sary Brown 22 yrs of age, 7 Feb. 1792, William Blackerby, Sec. Ibid.

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THOMAS DAMERON of Wicomico Parish deeds to David Ball, witnesses Alice Ball and Hannah Ball, Dec. 10, 1795.

JOSEPH DAMERON, Will of Thomas Taylor, Wicomico, Feb. 17, 1717, mentions grandson Joseph Dameron, grand-dau. Elizabeth Ball, dau. Elizabeth Flowers.

(41). NOTES on MONTGOMERYS AND LAMBERTS COUNTIES, VIRGINIA.

JOSEPH DAMERON. Harp Dameron, daughter to Joseph born March 1, 1711, St. Stephens Parish Accomac, Va. Vol. Abstracts, V. III, p. 37.

HENRY DAMERON, witness to deed from Phillips to Bartholomew Dameron, 1654.

DISTRIBUTION DAMERON received deed from Stephen Bonsales Aug. 21, 1750.

CHRISTOPHER DAMERON, Inventory 1835, Northumberland, Alexander Dameron, Adm. It mentions Sally Burton, sister of Christopher.

MARGUERITE DAMERON have land from William Dameron and Dorinda, his wife, Test. George Dameron and Joseph Dameron, Sept. 12, 1828.

MARTHA DAMERON and wife, Lucy (X) on 24 Jan. 1824, deed to James Burton, Northumberland.

THOMAS DAMERON, SECRETARY for County survey, 1756, from p. 46, Commissioners Proceedings of the northern Neck, County Survey moved to Westmoreland, Va. (Burned by Mrs. C.L. Pierce, Montville, Va.)

THOMAS DAMERON, widower, and Chloe Pierce, widow, were married, Peter Barber, Security, 23 Aug. 1790. (Marriage Licenses Bonds of Northumberland County, Va., 1785-1850.)

Thomas Dameron and Ann Hall Apr. 17, 1727, David Hall, Jr. Sec. Ibid.

THOMAS G. DAMERON and Judith Clarke 22 Aug. 1827, William R. Holliday, Sec. Ibid.

THOMAS DAMERON and Martha Smarts, 2 Oct. 1845, George T. Dameron, Sec.

TYCE, W. DAMERON, widower, and Harriet Clarke, 8 Nov. 1837, George Hinton, Sec. Ibid.

Some reference also lists, p. 147, Alice, dau Stephen, Catherine A., Elizabeth, Fanny, Mary, Susan, Lucy G., Mary, Ann, G.W., Polly, Nancy, Sally, etc. I did not check it carefully. Jan Dameron 9 Sept. 1825, to Wm. O. Brent, p. 32. Also Henry Weems Dameron, Mary A., Mary E., Holley, Polly G. Polly Dameron m. Daniel H. Magruder 11 Nov. 1824, [illegible], Sec.
Joseph Dameron and Mary Lunsford, 26 Dec. [illegible] John Carter, Sec. p. 23.

ROBERT DAMERON and Alice C. Stanton, 11 Nov. 1776, DAMERON, Sec.

Jan. Dameron and Jane Brown X per or Sam. Jan. 1776, William Dameron, Sec. Ibid.

THOMAS DAMERON of Hunting Tavern [illegible] Hall, witness Alice Hall and Hannah Hall. Sec. 10; 17 2.

ALBERT DAMERON, Will of Thomas Hayden, proved Feb. 17, 1771 mentions cousin Joseph Dameron, executor. Hinkson Hall, son. Children Thomas.

REVOLUTION: Anne Waller Reddy found in her files on Northumberland:

ABRAHAM, served as a soldier (Eckenrode)
BARTHOLOMEW, gave supplies to the army " He was head of a house.
GEORGE, gave supplies to the army " " " "
JOSHUA, a soldier enlisted 1777 in the Navy
ONEY, head of a house 1780-1, after the war went to Norfolk, married Martha, widow of Christo. Tompkins; her will 1842 mentions son-in-law, Oney S. Dameron
THOMAS DAMERON, Ensign from Northumberland, 1781.

On Lancaster, Miss Reddy's files also show: "Aaron Dameron, young man likely not married, took oath of allegiance and was later soldier invalided home from 3d company of militia. Moses Dameron was a soldier also in 1777. Joshua Dameron was also a soldier and his family is helped while he was in the army. Thomas Dameron served in the Va. Navy. His son Dennis shows as his heir about 1834. Nottingham in History of Lancaster Rev. Soldiers says Aaron Dameron married with Elizabeth Perkins (no date given."

LANCASTER COUNTY MARRIAGE BONDS, 1701-1848, shows John Dameron married Molly Brown, daughter of Eleanor Brown, 25 Sept. 1794, William Brown, security; also Thomas Dameron married Sally W. Roberts 16 Jan. 1799, Michael Wilder, sec.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY, VA. records show Fleet Dameron m. Polly Garner 22 Jan. 1821, and Willis Dameron m. Jemima Rice, Nov. 6, 1817; and William M. Dameron m. Jemima Spence, 1827. (Early Marriages, Va. County Rec. V of IV.

LANCASTER COUNTY INDEX in the State Library in Richmond showed:

John Dameron 10, 84, 224.
William, 185, 247
Dennis 139, 241
Samuel 95, 228
Thomas 82, 97.

The Stewart Index to Virginia Genealogies, shows for Dameron: Hardesty, Amherst 438, Munsell's V. 58-9; Tyler's IV, 54-58, 117-122, Wm. xii, 100.

The 1790 Census for Virginia shows in Lancaster, p. 55, Moses Dameron; in Wicomico, Northumbsrland, George and Bartholomew; also Moses, 55, Jos. Book 13, George 37 etc. Joseph is shown in Amelia, p. 13, or in Charlotte--the page was missing.

Virginia Taxpayers 1782-1787 showed William Dameron in Westmoreland 2-1; George 1, Buckingham, Moses 1, Montgomery, Myke, 1, Buckingham, Samuel 1-8, Joseph 1-4, Christopher 1-12, Brunswick, and Bartholomew in Brunswick, 1 person and 9 slaves.

In the Family Bible of John W. Carter notes, by G. M. Bloyd, in the Virginia State Library it lists Dameron marriages: Samuel m. Lucy Potts, 1798; Thomas m. Sally Bran, 1794; Thomas m. Sally, w. of Roberts, 1799; Thomas m. Anne Ball 10 Apr. 1797. It also had two Lancaster items for John Dameron, but the title referred to Amherst County. This must refer to Lancaster County.

REVOLUTION: When military force used to be tried on Tuckahoeanoe:

ADAMS, [illegible] serve as a colonel (Lexington)
LITTLEJOHN, [illegible] is the army " [illegible] head of a [illegible]
[illegible] " " " "
[illegible], a soldier [illegible] (VII) in the army
[illegible], [illegible] of a [illegible] (TPO-I), either [illegible] was [illegible] to [illegible], serving
[illegible] the one, [illegible] of [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] 3, [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible].

In [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] also [illegible] [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Marriage Licenses and Bonds of Lancaster County, Virginia (sent by Annabel Walker):

William Dameron md. Judith Gaskins 31 Jan. 1834.
Dennis Dameron and Elizabeth Haydon 9 Dec. 1816.
George W. Dameron md. Ann H. Steel, 20 Feb. 1802.
Holland Dameron md. Betsey Williams 30 Apr. 1800.
John Dameron of Northumberland Co. md. Elizabeth Taylor, 12 Sept. 1728.
John Dameron md. Molly Brown, dau. of Elenor Brown, 25 Sept. 1794.
Samuel Dameron md. Lucy Potts, 17 July, 1798.
Thomas Dameron md. Sally Brown 26 Apr. 1794.
Thomas Dameron md. Sally W. Roberts, dau. of John Roberts 16 Jan. 1799.
Elizabeth Dameron, dau. of Aaron Dameron and Thomas Cornelius, 26 May, 1790.
Sarah Dameron, Widow, md. Nicholas Curtis, 10 Oct. 1792.
Barbary Dameron, widow, md. Joshua Spilman, widower, 6 Feb. 1794.
Elizabeth Dameron md. James Hammond 7 June, 1814.
Elizabeth L. Dameron md. James Brent 2 July 1819.
Ellen Dameron md. Samuel Wall, 20 Jan. 1814.
Judith Barret Dameron md. Lindsey Pullen, 15 Jan. 1801.
Mary Ann Dameron md. Isaac Brent, 8 March, 1819.
Mary Dameron md. James W. Treakle, 15 July, 1848.
Margaret L. Dameron, dau. of Thomas Dameron md. John Bryan, 7 Jan. ____

Lancaster County, Va. Deed Index:

May 17, 1765. Bartholomew Dameron from Martha Miller deed record 18 Bk. 55.
June 2, 1765. Bartholomew Dameron to Condiff, deed book 18, p. 132.
Apr. 30, 1780. Bartholomew Dameron to Condiff, deed book 19, p. 235.
May, 1780. " " from Richard Mitchell, Jr. deed book 19, p. 236.
Oct. 16, 1797. " " to Wm. Beckstrand, Book 23, p. 142.
1882 Charlotte Dameron from Garner, Book 45, p. 68.
(Other Damerons are still here in 1889 to 1892.)

Northumberland County, Va. Records, 1652 to 1658: (Note: The condition of these three books would break your heart. Time and the elements had done plenty of damage to the poor grade of ink and paper and there was a good deal of water damage. Some pages of the first book were about three-fourths gone--just fragments. Others were all there, but so smeared and dim that I could just make out fragments, as follows:

Transaction between Lawrence Dameron and a Mr. Knight in 1655. Evidently Lawrence bought land from Knight.

Lawrence Dameron made his "truly and well beloved friend," Henry Hurst, his lawfull attny. to represent him in giving an account of the estate of Jno. Foster, dec'd. He signed his name "Lau Dameron." 17 May, 1656.

Lawrence Dameron gives his power of attny. to Richard _____ 23 May, 1657.

Thomas Mayor deed to George Dameron 1711, both of Wico Parish.

Names of Christopher Dameron and Thomas in 1737 and 1740 unreadable items.

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Keach Genealogy: I. Lawrence. II. George. III. Thomas, Sr., great-grandfather. IV. Margaret Sarah Dameron 1799-1839 m. 1831 Laurence Keach, 1794-1841, children O. A. Keach, Wichita, Kansas. (See records of Colonial Dames.)

viii.NOTES ON NORTHUMBERLAND AND LANCASTER COUNTIES,VIRGINIA

In checking over my notes, I find one that Christopher Dameron received a deed from Stephen Mahanes, Aug. 11, 1751, Lease Book 2, p. 8.

Charles Dameron deeded to Albert G. Plummer, Sept. 11, 1820, Book 22, p. 396.

Thomas Dameron deeded to Samuel M. Sherman, Trust deed, Sept. 6, 1805, Book 17, p. 384.

William Dameron et ux. deeded to George Dameron, Feb. 7, 1808, Book 18, p. 36.

Thomas Dameron received Gift Deed, Apr. 20, 1804, from Bartholomew Dameron, Book 17, p. 265.

LANCASTER: In Virginia Colonial Abstracts, VI, Lancaster Co. R.B. #2, 1654-66, Fleet, Box 161 Richmond, Va. Wend End St. I found no Damerons, no Palmers, but it has Brownes (Eleanor p. 328), George fflower (p. 83), and Jo. fflower, wit.

Julia Dameron Old found in Nottingham's Lancaster County Records, 1701-1848, Thomas Cornelius m. Elizabeth Dameron, dau. of Aaron Dameron, 26 May, 1790, Aaron Dameron, security.

NORTHUMBERLAND: Mrs. Old also found notes on Northumberland in Colonial Abstracts, V. 3, Record of births 1661-1810: Anna Dameron, dau. of Jacob and Mary his wife born Dec. 1, 1775; John Corbin Dameron, son to William Dameron and Nancy his wife, born Feb. 5, 1784. Molley Draper Dameron, dau. of Wm. and Nancey his wife born Dec. 18, 1786; Luke Wms. Dameron, son to Wm. and Nancy was born Mar. 30, 1789. In Marriage License Bonds of Northumberland Co., Va. from 1783 to 1850, she found: Charles Dameron, widower, and Jane Keene, 17 Apr. 1822, Kenner W. Cralle, Sec.; George Jones and Elizabeth Dameron, widow, 14 Dec. 1801, Joseph Ball, Sec.; George Jones, widower, and Nancy Ingram, 19 Feb. 1811, Thos. Ingram, Sec.; George Jones, widower and Betsy C. Sutton, 21 Apr. 1812; Joseph McAdam Broun, Sec.; George Jones, widower, and Elizabeth Champion, widow, 19 July, 1815, John L. Chinn, Sec.

In the Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, V. 23, 19, Mrs. Old found also: Josiah Dameron, George Dameron, witness will of John Harris, dau. Sarah Haynie, grandson Geo. Ball, 23 Feb. 1709-10. Note: the dau. Sarah Haynie, wife of Antony, married second Francis Waddy.

Another item she sent "from my old records and I don't know the source: "3. Laurence Haynie (1794-1841) soldier of the War of 1812, m. 1831, Margaret Sarah Dameron (1799-1839); Thomas 4, George, 5; Thomas 6; George 7; Lawrence 8.

She also sent the following which is undoubtedly the origin of the Huguenot legend in the Dameron family, as Dupuy was a Huguenot, and I believe Dupuy was also an ancestor of George Washington. Mrs. Old did not keep the reference for this:

"7. Bartholomew Dupuy b. 1650, Huguenot from France with his wife, Susanne La-Villon, to Monacantown, Virginia, 1700. 6. Their daughter m. Tribue. 5. Their dau. m. Edward C. Clay. 4. Mary m. Joseph Dameron, soldier of the American Revolution. 3. Eliza Ingraham 1800-70 m. her 4th cousin, Wm. Moore Dameron, 1799-1839, son of George Ball Dameron, 1775-1848, Col. in Black Hawk Indian War. 2. Son of John Vaughan, 1823-84, farmer, m. Adeline Dameron, 1830-84."

VIII. TIES TO CONTEMPORARY AND LANDMARK COUNTIES, WILLIS.

In observing over so broad, I find one that Dorothy Dawson received a deed from Stephen Johnson, Esq., Co., 1771. Deed Book 2, p. 8.

Charles Dawson deeded to William G. Flannery, Esq., 1. 1800. Book 22, p. 20.

Thomas Dawson deeded to Samuel M. Dawson, Trust Deed, Book, Co. Book 17, p. 20.

William Dawson et ux. deeded to George Dawson, Esq., 1. 1807, Book 10, p. 9.

Thomas Dawson received Gift Deed, Dec. 20, 1806, from Lucinda Dawson, Book 17, p. 205.

LANDSCAPE. In Virginia colonial chronicle, VI, Dawson-Co. 2, 23, 1638-66, Fleet, Dr. John Dawson, Jr. Dual and 6?, I found no Dawsons, so I will use it has Dawson (Dawson p. 20), George Flower (p. 63), and Co. Flower, etc.

Julia Dawson did found in Nottingham's Lancaster County Records, 1705-1800, Thomas Cornelius vs. Elizabeth Dawson, dau. of Aaron Dawson, 20 Jan. 1720, Dawson warrant, account.

NORTHUMBERLAND: Co. did also found notes on descendants to colonial Ancestors, V. 3, Dawson of Cobbs Island, Northampton Co., Va., 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. his wife born Dec. 1, 1775; John Curtis Dawson, son in a line Dawson and Dawson his wife, born Feb. 5, 1790. Nelson Dawson Dawson, Jr., of Co., and Dawson his wife born Dec. 18, 1800; Luke Dawson, Dawson, son b. Co., and Nancy was born Dec. 20, 1796. In Marriage Licenses Books of Northumberland Co., Va., from 1811 to 1850, we found: Charles Dawson, widower, was born June, 17 Apr. 1807, Dawson W. Dawson; George Dawson and Elizabeth Dawson, widow, 10 Dec. 1820, Nelson Hall. Dawson Dawson, widower, and Nancy Lugrow, 17 Feb. 1811; Thomas Dawson, widow Dawson and Dawson T. Dawson, 15 Apr. 1817; George Dawson, Co.; George Dawson, widower, and Elizabeth Dawson, widow, 11 Oct. 1820, John T. Dawson, Jr.

In the Virginia Genealogy of Allison and Dawson, p. 27, 28, Co. Co. also gives Joshua Dawson, George Dawson, William Hill of John Dawson, Co. Co. Dawson, Francis Co. Hill, 23 Feb. 1790-20. Dawson Co. Co. Dawson Joshua Hill of Dawson, William Dawson Dawson Dawson.

Another item can seen from an old record and I can't know the source: J. Lawrence Dawson (1790-1841) soldier of the War of 1812, m. 1830, Margaret Dawson (1797-1857); Thomas H. Dawson, Jr. Dawson J. Dawson J. Dawson J. Dawson.

The also and the following note is somewhat the origin of the Dawson found in the Dawson family, as they was a Dawson, and I believe Dawson was a Dawson of Dawson Dawson. Co. Co. did not show the Dawson Co. Dawson.

"7. Jurnigan Dawson b. 1. 1777, Dawson from Dawson was his wife, Dawson Dawson, to Northampton, Virginia, 1800. 6. Mary Dawson m. Dawson, J. Dawson Dawson, Edward C. Clay, b. May m. Joseph Dawson, soldier of the American Revolution, 1. Dawson Dawson 1800-70 m. his 4th cousin, Dr. Jesse Dawson, 1800-1870, son of George Hall Dawson, 1777-1848 (2). In Dawson Dawson, 1800-1870, son of Hill-Dr. Dawson, m. Dawson Dawson, 1825-1870."

The following was sent by Julia Dameron Old:

From Revolutionary Proceedings of Northumberland Co. 1765-8, W.M. V. 20, p. 12 Onesephorus Harvey and Thomas Hudnall admitted as undersheriffs. p. 130: Pemberton Claughton recommended to be added to commission of the peace.

Marriage bond Apr. 22, 1797, Jesse Waddy, widower, and Molly E. Claughton, widow, Thomas Dameron, Sec. (W.M. (1) 25, p. 264.)

Alice Chinn Sherman m. Robert Jones Dameron, son of George Dameron. Alice (Dameron) Giddings was the dau. of George Damron and Mary Ann Dameron. (W.M. (1) 25, p. 264 cont'd.)

Nov. 10, 1766, Thomas Waddy was appointed guardian to his niece Nancy Dameron whose estate was then in the hands of her step-father Robert Pinckhard. Nancy Damerson's mother Elizabeth (Waddy) widow of Joseph Damron m. secondly, Robert Pinckhard. (W.M. 1, 265.)

Mar. 14, 1774, Thomas Gaskins and Kendall Lee vs. George Dameron, John Lawson, Thomas Waddy and John Heath.

W. M. (1) 25, p. 103: In Nov. 1798 (as evidenced by deeds on record), Thomas Dameron[6] Downing, together with Thomas Gaskins, Walter Jones, John Heath, Catesby Jones, John Cralle and Thomas W. Hughlett, were trustees of the town of Heathsville in Northumberland Co. W. M. (1) 25, p. 99: Thomas Downing, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Dameron) Downing was born May 23, 1744, and m. Sarah Ann Rogers.

W. M. (1) 17, p. 242: St Stephen's Parish: Mary Dameron, dau. to Joseph, Mch. 1, 1714; Anna Dameron, dau. to Jacob and Mary Dec. 1, 1775.

W. M. (1), p. 40: Lancaster Lovett age 52 in 1661 (From Lower Norfolk Co.ages (She also sent to me a picture of an old Lovett house there, and said "there is another find one standing but badly in need of restoration owned by Mrs. W.T. Old, who plans to restore it some time."

She also noted some corrections for Part I, p. 4 and p. 12: "Yeocomico Church is in what is now Westmoreland County and celebrated its anniversary a few weeks ago. It is near Kinsale. The Yeocomico River is still called by this name. Kinsale is on the Yeocomico River. Yeocomico Church in Westmoreland County is regularly used at this time--it is in Cople Parish. 'Wicomico Church, on the way from Burgess Store to Kilmarnock, is an old village which takes its name from an early Colonial church 'Wicocomoco Church' as it was first written, originally of the Parish of Wicocomoco, later of the Parish of Lee." (Eubank.) My brother, Zachariah Courtney Dameron, was a vestryman of Old Yeocomico Church before he moved to Baynesville and my nephews Zachariah Courtney Dameron, Jr. and Broun Conway Dameron were both (Broun) christened there. My sister-in-law, Mrs. James E. Old, Jr. (Mary Ottley Parker Old) is a lineal descendant of the Lt. Col. Josiah Parker mentioned on p. 67, Part I."

Julia Old made a trip to Richmond, Va. and found the following in the State Library, in the Northumberland County Court Orders, 1743-49:

Page 9, Thomas Dameron deposition betw. Haynie and Moorehead.

Page 25, Sarah Dameron, order to attend.

Page 36, Dameron, Moses, ord.

Page 40, Dameron, Moses, ord.

Page 51, Dameron, J. appr. Est.

Page 85, Dameron, Moses, ex. for Felony.
" " " " bound to place.

Page 296, Dameron and Hughlett, judgment.

Page 141, Dameron to William, probate of deed.

Page 147, Dameron, Sarah, order to attend.

Page 161, Dameron, Barth. order for his wife's est.

Page 202, Dameron vs. Williams, caveat.

Page (?) Dameron vs. Sullivan, dismissed.

Page 5, Dameron vs. Clarke, dismissed.

Page 51, Order to appraise est. of John Dameron.

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Further notes were sent by Louise H. Dameron from Northumberland County, Va. records, William and Mary, V. 24, 110-111-112 is the reference noted:

"March 17, 1726. Capt. Geo. Ball and Samuel Heath presented the affidavit of Mr. (Wm.?) Dameron, Thomas Dameron, Mrs. Dorothy Mahen and Samuel Mahen. Those affidavits were for the purpose of establishing the fact that John Bashford was the son of Simon Bashford and his wife, Grace, as he had fallen heir to an estate in England. This marriage had been celebrated at the home of Mr. George Dameron according to the testimony of Thomas Dameron, son to George, and Mrs. Dorothy Mahen, aunt to Thomas. There was some relationship between Capt. John Heath and George Dameron that the writer of these notes has not been able to determine. The mother of George Dameron was the widow of Capt. Heath's uncle William Heath who died 1719. It will be remembered that Ann, relict of William Heath, was granted administration of her husband's estate in 1719. She married 1729 Thomas Dameron. Their son George Dameron was sued by John Heath on July 10, 1764. For several years George Dameron seems to have been financial backer of John Heath.

"Mar. 14, 1768. Thomas Newton and son brought suit against John Heath, George Dameron admitted special bail. May 8, 1769. John Bland, mcht. vs. John Heath, on a bond for Richard Pope (he was step-brother to Geo. Dameron). Mar. 14, 1774. Thos. Gaskins & Kendall Lee vs. Geo. Dameron, John Lawson, Thos. Waddy & John Heath. July 13, 1778. Nicholas Floods executors vs. John Heath, Geo. Dameron, Thomas Waddy and John Hughlett. Aug. 13, 1770. James Gregorie vs. John Heath & Traverse Downman, Geo. Dameron, special bail for the defendants. June 10, 1771. Bacon & Co. vs. John Heath & Traverse Downman, Geo. Dameron special bail for said Heath."

says: The line of Ball of Northumberland springs from Col. William Ball of Millenbeck, Lancaster County. By his son Capt. Ball the family was established here on the place known as Bay View. This place, Cresfield, is part of the original Bay View and in this burial ground lie the remains of the following: Capt. William Ball, born in England June 2, 1641, died in Lancaster County, Va. Sept. 30, 1694, and his wife Harris, and his second wife Margaret Downman. Their son Capt. George Ball 1683-1746 and his wife ____ Haynie and his second wife, Grace Waddy. Their son Capt. George Ball _____ 1770, and his wife Ann Taylor of Lancaster County. Their son Capt. David Ball 1735-1811 and his wife Hannah Haynie and others." George Washington was their cousin.

This is faulty genealogy as Mrs. Cornelius has pointed out in the section on the Balls who inter-married with the Damerons several times. Sarah Ball who married Christopher Dameron and went to Brunswick County with her sons, was the sixth child of the above Capt. George Ball and his wife Grace Haynie. As she had a son John, we thought he might be the ancestor of our Damerons.

We drove down a narrow country lane to the Dameron's Marsh region, but did not venture out to Chesapeake Bay where the Marsh ends. The house of Ernest S. Harding was not built on the site of the old Dameron house, but farther inland. This is one of the most beautiful sites I have ever seen for a house on the water. It is set in water on two sides, with the Chesapeake Bay almost in sight in the other direction. Guarding Point Creek runs at the back of the house, and Guarding Point can be seen just this side of the Wicomico River. It is a narrow tongue of land jutting out into the River, which looked to me to be half a mile wide. There are no neighbors nearby and the atmosphere is lonely and isolated and rather wild, but the farm is very productive and prosperous. Ernest Harding now raises soya beans, oats and corn chiefly. He said that when his great-grandfather took over the Dameron place, he put in 540 acres of oats and paid for the house the first year. I took a photograph of Guarding Point and the Harding house.

Dameron's Marsh is at the right of his house toward the Bay. It is near Ingram Bay which the marsh goes around, and Mill Creek is not far away. Mila Neck, where Damerons still live, is along the same road.

The Harding house has eight or ten rooms and was built by the Hardings during the Civil War, Ernest Harding said, but the back ell is earlier. His great-grandfather, John Hopkins Harding, acquired it after the Damerons about 1849 when R obert J. Dameron was the last Dameron there. So it has only been in the hands of two families in several centuries. Ernest Harding said the Dameron cemetery is still being used by the Hardings, but has np markers for the Damerons. It is near his house.

He said the original Dameron house had been across the field overlooking Chesapeake Bay near the River and that the bricks had been torn down and thrown into the river--he did not know why. He said his father told him they remembered that the windows were so large you could put a bed through the casements. We later saw Harding Blackwell who lives near Dameron's Marsh, which is the place where the original house was located, and he said his mother remembered the site of the old Dameron house, which had foundation stones and bits of broken pottery around. It could still be found, but will probably soon be obliterated. We could not drive there as the roads were so treacherous. I have the impression that this site is now part of Harding Blackwell's property.

Ernest Harding said there is a Yankee bombshell buried on the place from Civil War days.

The old Dameron house was in its day considered one of the finest pieces of architecture in Northumberland county and Governor Berkeley used it as his headquarters in the days of Bacon's Rebellion. Guarding Point was "the lookout post for lower Northumberland from the time of Bacon's Rebellion," the Keach article says, which also says, "Thomas Dameron, grandson, built the beautiful Brick Walls, still there near the old site." I was unable to find this and nobody had heard of it, though I saw a fine old house nearby with big outside chimneys that might have been it. Mrs. Keach says the main house was built 1735 and pulled down 1849.

The Wicomico River comes out at Reedville, and Guarding Point is on the opposite shore of the river jutting out into it. It is about three or four miles from Wicomico Church, I think, and Mila is a town on the shore just opposite Fairport.

The Will of the original Lawrence Dameron, who came to Virginia before 1652, was found in an old book in ruined condition in Heathsville. He says "I bequeath unto my sonne Bartholomew Dameron one halfe of five hundred acres of land situated in Great Wicocomoco which I bought of Mr. Peter Knight . . . to be delivered to him at the death of his mother, with one cedar Bedstead, one long table with forme and benches to it, and one Couch, all which stands in the Great Roome. I give unto my son George Dameron, the other half of 500 acres of land above described." He also bequeathed three silver spoons, one good feather bed, fixed guns and one iron pot, but the names of the legatees were destroyed except those of the above and Thomas and Dorothy, his executrix. Dorothy appears to have been a woman of intelligence and independence as she managed the estate, which implies that perhaps the fortune was on her side of the house to start with, as it was not too common for the wife to be left to manage an estate of any size.

Lawrence Dameron's first grant of land in 1652 was in the upper part of Northumberland which is now St. Stephens parish, "upon head of tanx Yeococomico Riv." The Guarding Point estate was acquired from "Mr. Peter Knight 500 acres Northumberland County, 30 Mar. 1657." One of the boundaries was Dividing Creek which is where Richard Lee lived, the ancestor of all the famous Lees, including Robert E. Lee.

Guarding Point is in Wicomico parish--there are only two parishes in Northumberland County. Here is where Bartholomew and George and Thomas lived. His youngest son, Lawrence, Jr., Nov. 20, 1669, received from his mother, Dorothy, "relect of Lawrence Dameron dec'd and Bartholomew Dameron, his eldest son... all interest in 324 acres in Yeocomico Parish." This is in Westmoreland County, formed 1663. Bartholomew also had a son Lawrence, Jr. and one Josiah, who had adjoining places in St. Stephens' Parish on the Yeocomico River, up near Heathsville. These estates would be part of the original first grant of 1652, all being along that river.

The Media Research Bureau said Lawrence Dameron "in 1655 organized Wicomico parish, providing it with churches, warden and vestry." There is an attractive old church at Wicomico Church which is now Methodist, but was originally of the Church of England I imagine. Bishop Meade describes it in his book, or rather a church of the time which he sold for a few dollars

The W. P.A. Guide Book to Virginia says: "Cobb's Hall was originally built by Richard Lee in 1651, loyal to the Crown in Cromwell's day. Ditchley Hall is nearby first built by Hancock Lee, great-grandfather of President Zachary Taylor.

"Wicomico Church (pronounced Y-kom-eye-ko), is an old village on the site of the old Wicomico Church built in 1771 and ruined after the Revolution. Here Hancock Lee donated a silver cup in 1711. Nearby is John Hudnall's house, a home of the family since 1656. The road then crosses the Great Wicomoco River to Burgess Store, with a population of 20."

Paul Wilstach in Potomac Landings says the early vestry books are gone of the Northern Neck. This is why we cannot find baptisms or births or deaths. "Even a seventeenth century tombstone is a rarity in Northumberland and Westmoreland... the earliest tangible evidence of particular parishes in this neighbourhood is found in the inscription on an old communion cup, showing that it waspresented by Hancock Lee of Ditchley Hall to Lee Parish in 1711. Ditchley looked out upon the Chesapeake from the lower shores of the county . . . The first references to the permanently establishe.. parishes of St. Stephen and Wycomico in Northumberland are found in county lists of 1754 and 1758. . . The first church in Overwharton was built near Potomac Creek and shared with Wycomico in Northumberland the distinction of being among the largest churches built in all colonial Virginia."

We then drove to the little fishing town of Weems, which is named for the family of Parson Weems who wrote the first biography of George Washington and of Francis Marion, and who is said to have invented the story of the cherry tree by later historians, though there is no reason why he could not have heard it from Washington's family or himself, as he knew them quite well. We stopped at the old Ferry farm of George Washington which is on the Rappahannock River just before you cross the bridge to Fredericksburg. This he inherited from his father who died when he was about 12, and his surveying office is still intact, with a deep pit behind it made of stone. Also there is a cherry tree bolted together with a sign that this is the place; an old stump, of course. The house and farm are privately owned but they permit the public to see the place. This is not the original house of the Washingtons, we were told, but a part of it is still there.

At Weems we went down to the fishing docks where there are two big processing plants and stopped at the store formerly owned by the Damerons, but now owned by Dunaway, who came out and talked to us. This old building juts out on piers over the water and is quite picturesque. There was a delightful old negro in the store and when he heard me inquiring if any Damerons still lived there, began to grin broadly and wanted to show us the whole place and to be very friendly. He said he was eighty three and had worked for the Damerons fifty-years and they were "good people." Later Mrs. H.C. Old of Virginia Beach, Va., wrote to me: "The old colored man you met at Weems was 'Charles Henry,' the servant of my two uncles for 65 years. They owned most of Weems--the store, wharf, cannery, fish-packing plant, their residences, a farm, oyster beds, and were directors of the Kilmarnock Bank, of the Fire Insurance Co., founders of the Presbyterian Church there and that is all I remember at the moment. Mrs. Oscar Dameron still lives there and my cousin, Christine Fauntleroy Claybrook Bullock owns Uncle Walton's house across the street, as he left it to her mother, Lydia Claybrook."

These Damerons are descendants of the Ball family of Lancaster, and related to the mother of George Washington, Mary Ball. I met Dr. H. Jeter Edmonds, dentist in Kilmarnock, Lancaster County, and copied down this genealogy, which is through Col. William Ball, Col. Joseph Ball, of Epping Forest, one of whose daughters was Mary Ball Washington and another Ann who married Col. Edwin Conway. Mary Conway m. Thomas Gaskins and their daughter Sarah Ann m. Dr. Joseph McAdams. Anne McAdams m. Thomas Keene and Jane Keene m. Charles Dameron April 17, 1822. Their son was James Albert Dameron 1832-1919, who married Mary Ann Courtney.

We went to visit Epping Forest in Lancaster, where Mary Ball Washington was born about 1708. The house was first built about 1680 by Col. Joseph Ball who is buried there. "Although her father died when she was quite young and her mother remarried, moving to Northumberland County with her young daughter, Mary often returned to Lancaster County to visit. Because of her great beauty and popularity, she was often called 'The Rose of Epping Forest,' according to the leaflet handed out there. Mrs. James D. Jesse, the former Eoline Ball, direct descendant of Joseph, still owns the old house and showed us through it. She is pretty, dark, and a typical southern belle.

We also stopped in Fredericksburg and went through the home of Mary Ball Washington, where she lived from 1772 to the time of her death in 1780. It is a small house of only about four rooms, with kitchen and slaves' quarters in a separate cabin at the back. Much of her own furniture is still there. This was part of a big tobacco plantation at that time and the brick walk led to her daughter's house, Kenmore, a large fine place considered to be the finest piece of Georgian architecture in existence by some architects. It was built by Col. Fielding Lewis who married George Washington's only sister, Betty, and has fine antiques chiefly of the Chippendale period. Col. Lewis was a great patriot during the Revolution and was so bankrupted by his activities that he had to sell house and furniture at auction--this happened to nearly all of the leading figures of the Revolution, such as Jefferson, Morris, etc.

The portrait of Mary Ball Washington shows that she looked exactly like her son. She was a woman of strong will and determined authority, and she did not get on very well with her son, who had a bent for fashionable living. She never set foot in his house at Mt. Vernon, apparently, but obviously she was the chief power behind his remarkable career for he respected her good opinion and lived up to it at all times.

Across the way from Epping Forest is Mrs. Chidester T. Pierce, an authority on the history of Lancaster, and we stopped to call on her, the address being Nuttsville, Virginia. She looked up the Ball-Dameron connections for me and I copied it down while she read it off. She said she knows the history of Monaskon thoroughly where the Fox family lived, descended from Hannah Ball, and that there was no Dameron in any of the records. There is a story of a French Huguenot Dameron who settled at "Monaskon," and this family was related to the Balls, also. The Bertrands of Monaskon were Huguenots, however. Monaskon is on the Rappahannock in Lancaster next to the town of Lively and not far above Weems--the same place as Millenbeck where the Ball family originated. The Media Research Burbau said: "A Huguenot bearing the name of Dameron, came to Hanover, Va. about 1700. His son, Joseph, settled at Monaskon. Joseph had a son George by his wife Mary Moore, whose mother bore the surname Ball and was related to George Washington. Joseph and Mary with their son George moved to Randolph County, Mo."

The Northern Neck Historical Society had just been formed recently, with dues $3 a year and everyone interested in local history is invited to join. Among the active members are Mrs. Pierce, Lucy Brown Beal, Hague, Virginia, a genealogist, and Mrs. Thomas Lomax Hunter, King George, Va. On Oct. 1-2, just a day or so before we arrived was the Lancaster Tricentennial Celebration. The county seat is Lancaster Court House, which is near Kilmarnock, the largest town.

The Historical Society is copying down tombstone inscriptions, but Mrs. Rice in Heathsville said she saw no Damerons when she did this.

There are very few Damerons in the telephone book of this region of the Tidewater Telephone Company for the Bowling Green-Warsaw region, etc. I found only the following in the whole region, but was told many people there have no phones:

E.R. Dameron, Haynesville, Va.; Everett, Kilmarnock; Hilton E., Warsaw; Rev. J.A., Reedville; R.B., Oldhams, Hague; W.A. Dameron Store, Kinsale; Wesley, Fairport, Reedville; Z.C. Dameron, Baynesville, Montross. The Richmond phone book had only the following: F.A. Dameron, 825 Roseneath Road; James, 5414 Jahnke Road; R. M., 5416 Bloomingdale Road; T. M. 3122 2d Avenue, Richmond, Va. I was told there are other Damerons in Mila and Lottsburg. Rev. J.A. Dameron had just moved to Bona Venture or Bona Vista.

Near Weems we also visited the famous Christ Church built 1732 on the site of one built by King Carter, and we saw some fascinating old Carter tombstones. He lived here in feudal splendor. This is a rare cruciform church of early architecture and said to be the finest of its type in Virginia. The W.A.P. Guide Book says Christ Church is "probably the finest Greek-cruciform Colonial church in Virginia." Here is buried King Carter's father and his three wives. This "King" Carter was the autocratic viceroy of the Northern Neck Proprietorsin England. His father John, settled about 1650 at Corotoman on the bank of the Rappahannock, and his son Robert was agent for the proprietors of the Northern Neck, this being "King" Carter. From this King Carter were descended eight governors of Virginia,three signers of the Declaration of Independence, two Presidents (the two Harrisons), Gen. Robert E. Lee and others. The mother of Robert E. Lee was born here in 1773.

The original Carter was a cavalier refugee of 1649, it is said, and had five wives, so much of Virginia is descended from him. "King" Carter left an estate of"300,000 acres of land, about 1,000 negroes and 10,000 L." His daughters were in their day mistresses of the greatest mansions in Tidewater Virginia and there were half a dozen of them. The "King" built his church out of his own means, and the congregation was not permitted to enter until his family had been seated.

There were three famous Carter mansions on the Northern Neck: Nomini Hall on the creek; Corotoman in Lancaster, and Sabine Hall on the Rappahannock a few miles from Nomini Hall. Nearby was Mount Airy of the Tayloes. The other famous mansions were Bushfield (a Washington place in Westmoreland), Chantilly, Hickory Hill, Stratford etc. This was a neighborhood and a closely related region due to inter-marriage and social relations.

Of the first ten presidents, six were born in Virginia, and all of these but Jefferson were born in the tidewater region--meaning where the tide reaches up the big rivers, such as to Richmond on the James. These were Harrison and Tyler, Madison, Monroe and Washington. Monroe was born in 1758 in the same region as Washington. Washington's ancestor, John Washington, came from England in 1656, and married his neighbor's daughter, he being Nathaniel Pope. This was in Westmoreland.

In Potomac Landings, Paul Wilstach says: "Northumberland was divided in 1653. A new county was established. . . called Westmoreland and, even in its restricted bounds, showed a fertility in the production of wealthy planters and of early republican scholars and heroes unequalled by any other county in America." p. 64. "They brought with them their heritage of character from generations of gentle ancestry in England. They were royalists, sometimes called Cavaliers, driven out of England by the Puritan success and the establishment of the Commonwealth in 1649, and they continued to come in large numbers until the restoration of the royalty in 1660. They transplanted... a replica of the English social, domestic and religious life."

"Cheap labor was based at first on the indentured servant, always white, and usually English. 'In this connection 'servant' did not mean a menial only. It included all who took pay for services . . . plantation labour . . . on numerous occasions he was a relative of the planter to whom he was pledged."

The Damerons were a part of this Cavalier migration. However, we find the daughter of Dorothy Dameron Gaskins named Dorothy becoming a Quaker and marrying one, Onecephrous Harvey. We do not know what their connections were in England, but no doubt the Damerons came over with their group of friends and relatives to Northumberland. However in one respect they were typical Americans who will walk six blocks to get into their car to drive one block. Wilstach, p. 248, says: "An English traveller in the two colonies bordering tidewater Potomac wrote in the London Magazine of July, 1746, that the colonists 'have so much value for the Saddle, that rather than walk to church five miles, they'll go eight to catch their horses, and ride there; so that you would think their Churches look'd like the Outskirts of a Country Horse Fair..."

At the Dameron place overlooking the Chesapeake much history went by from the time of Capt. John Smith. Bacon's Rebellion began on Westmoreland shore and during the Revolution the English navy pillaged the river plantations, its ships spreading terror to the head of tidewater. In the war of 1812 with England a British fleet came up the Potomac and burned Washington. During the Civil War, the Potomac was the dividing line between North and South, with a naval flotilla there. and it was the scene of the flight of John Wilkes Booth after he had assassinated Lincoln.

In 1755 Braddock's army sailed up the Potomac to fight the French on the Ohio--about 1300 men and Washington joined up age 23 and was in the defeat. The British kept ships in the Chesapeake Bay all during the Revolution. A hundred armed pirates appeared on the river in July 1782, white and black.

It is said to be "always Indian summer" on the Northern Neck, at least from April to November, as remarked by Col. Henry Esmond of Castlewood in Westmoreland County in his memoirs, which still exist and which were used by Thackeray in writing his books on the Esmonds and the Virginians.

There is a book on the Northern Neck by James Branch Cabell who lives at Poynton Lodge. He says: "The Northern Neck avoids hurry and above all else, it is conservative. . . . few of the first settlers' descendants have left the peninsula of their own will... no railway has ever entered the Northern Neck. . . . The peninsula, in brief, was settled for the most part by persons of the upper classes who had the means to provide for themselves an especial and carefree sort of self-sufficiency such as does not any longerexist upon the earth . . . the Lees, the Eskridges, the Carters, the Mottrams, the Conways, the Fitzhughs, the Gascoignes, the Ayletts, the Coles, the Tayloes, and yet other pre-eminent clans. Man y meritorious middle-class families, such as the Washingtons, and the Madisons (who intermarried with the Conways), and the Monroes also figuredsomewhat more modestly in the social scheme of the Northern Neck. They were a gracious and kindly and a highly self-complacent race who had lived as princes, each with his own domain in the form of a plantation... Of a sudden, in the April of 1865, these princelings became paupers . . . The offspring of the land's dispossessed peerage, far fallen from seigneury, have become truck farmers; or perhaps they conduct a casual fish boat, or a general merchandise story, or a filling station, or a soft drink stand, or a pharmacy, or it may be the village post office, with a complacent disregard for all rules of thrift and of system." P. 11. Richmond, the nearest shopping center, is ninety miles away.

Fish, crabs, quail, partridges, squirrel still abound. The water abounds with pike, shad, bass, herring, taylors, rock corkers, perch, sheepshead, crabs, oysters, turtles and eels, and on the surface with gulls, swans, herons, geese and duck. Guarding Point is a kind of waterfowl refuge.

The Northern Neck was Elizabethan in its atmosphere, of the vintage of the Raleigh and Bartholomew Gosnold kind of men. (Incidentally, the Damerons married into a Gosnold family in England.) Some of the families were on the side of the Stuarts and against William and Mary even, for instance three had to be dropped from the Virginia council at that time who had taken the oath to support James II, Richard Lee, John Armistead and Isaac Allerton (who had been earlier in New England or rather his father had.) Allerton lived in Westmoreland. In Westmoreland lived also the Washingtons, Lees, Corbins, Fauntleroys, Ashtons, Turbervilles, Marshalls, Carters, Monroes. The Yeocomico River divided Northumberland from Westmoreland County, and it is here that Lawrence Dameron had a choice grant of land in 1652 at the head of the river. James Madison was born at Port Conway.

The Northern Neck people are known in Virginia as the most clannish and proud. This pride was one factor in producing the Revolutionary patriots of the time because they would not let the English king have his own way and had more pride than those in England who retained a servant-psychology of caste. As early as 1766 a hundred and fifteen "gentlemen of Westmoreland" assembled with Richard Henry Lee and their set of "Resolves" was the first gun of the Revolution.

The figures of 1648 showed that there were 15,000 English in Virginia, 300 negroes, 20,000 cattle, 200 horses and mares and 3,000 sheep--the wool being woven into cloth on the plantations. There were 5,000 goats, and many wild and tame hogs. In 1649 the Virginia Merchant arrived in Jamestown with 300 passengers, and most of them were thought to have been royalists, including Norwood, Morryson, Richard Fox and Francis Cary. In 1651, 1610 royalists were shipped to Virginia to be servants, prisoners of war taken at Worcester, mostly Scottish. "Cavalier" was a political term for supporters of the Stuarts and included the servant class as well as gentry.

One of the famous old books on Virginia is Bishop Meade's Old Churches, Ministers and Families of Virginia, 1878. Article LIX says the Northumberland border with Lancaster was settled in 1673, and there are no records until 1754 when Wycomico Parish had Rev. John Leland as minister, ordained by the Bishop of London,1775. This was the Church of England, Episcopal. In 1787 David Ball was lay delegate and in 1789 Mr. Oneriphorous Harvey of Wicomico. In 1795 the lay delegates of "Wycomico" were Hopkins, Hardy and Thos. Hurst. In 1797 the delegate was Thos. Gaskins and in 1799 William Davenport and Thos. Harvey. After 1813 there was no regular minister. Lancaster ministered to them.

Wicomico Church "was the largest of the old churches in Virginia of which I have any knowledge. It was built about the beginning of the Revolutionary War," Meade says, p. 133. It was built in 1771. By 1838 two old churches in the area were in ruins and a third on the way, Wicomico being the third, he notes. Few Episcopalians were left--the Methodists were coming in. Joseph Ball of Ditchley was the patron of Wicomico Church. In 1840 the Bishop, Meade, sold the old Wicomico Church for $500, he said.

Ditchley in the parish of Great Wicomico was owned by Flexner Ball, son of the late Joseph. It was the old Lee residence. At Cobbs near Ditchley, Col. Richard Lee had his first place. The parish was first called Lee Parish, then Wicomico; p. 136 gives the history of Richard Lee of Shropshire, near Brignorth, who during the time of Charles I went to Virginia as secretary and one of the King's Privy Council. He decided to stay and settled there with his servants. He then returned to England and gave his lands to his servants who now own them. Then he came back again. Lee and Berkeley supported the royalists. Lee got Charles II proclaimed in Virginia--with the aid of Berkeley. Charles II was ungrateful and caused the taxes to be increased, which annoyed the colonists. The sons of Richard, John and Richard Lee, went to Oxford to school but the father insisted they live in Virginia. (See Clarendon's History of the Rebellion.)

Meade makes the point that the Lees were always religious and Episcopalian. He notes that at the time of the Revolution the English demanded the arrest of the delegates to the congresses and listed for execution Washington and Richard Henry Lee.

Meade says the leading Northumberland families, p. 144, were the Lees, Presleys, Poythresses, Kenners, Thorntons, Newtons, etc. He notes on the same page that the first Col. Richard Lee in a will of 1653 says he was of Stratford, Langton, Essex, England. He saw some copies of the Fairfax family records recently published in England which had been found after being hidden during Cromwell's Rebellion. On p. 107 he says Thomas Fairfax purchased a title under James I and was a Protestant. He sympathized with Cromwell and his son Ferdinand was in Cromwell's army, also his grandson Thomas--they were celebrated leaders of the army. Fairfax was the proprietor of the region. Meade says Robert Carter was manager of the Fairfax estates until his death, when William Fairfax of Belvoir, the friend of George Washington, took over. The Thomas who came to America was a descendant of General Fairfax under Cromwell and married a Presbyterian. They had one girl child who married the profligate Duke of Buckingham and led a miserable life. Fairfax, however, helped the Restoration of Charles II and was in private life during the killing of Charles I. In 1649 Carter was a burgess in Nansemond, p. 110, and in 1654 a burgess in Lancaster County and vestryman. (See Hening's Statutes of Virginia.)

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Meade describes the Quakers in Accomac, across the bay from Northumberland, p. 427, in 1650-1660, where they were charged with blasphemy, defying law and vilifying the ministers. They had a log church there. In 1711 Spotswood reported that they refused even to permit their servants to work on fortifications. We remember that Lawrence Dameron's grand-daughter, Dorothy Gaskins Harvey, and her husband were Quakers, which was having very dangerous thoughts in that day. It indicates that she was a chip off the old block as obviously her grandmother, Dorothy, had her own ideas of how to do things.

On p. 468, Meade gives a list of the vestrymen of St. Stephens Parish in Northumberland:

1720 Mr. Thomas Hughlett
1738 Mr. Spencer Ball
1770 John Williams and Joseph Ball
1772 James Ball

He gave the vestrymen of Wicomico Parish in Northumberland as these:

1784 Capt. Geo. Ingram. Onesiphorous Harvey Sutton, Lattimore, Harding, Hurst, Harvey
1796 Thos.W. Hughlett
1770 George Dameron, Capt. David Ball Sr., and Capt. David Ball, Jr., Capt. Thos. Gaskins, Col. Thos. Gaskins, John Eustace, Capt. John Heath, Mr. William Taylor
1772 Mr. Chas. Coppedge, Col. Chas. Lee
1784 Capt. Geo. Ingram, Onesiphorus Harvey, Sutton, Lattimore, Harding, Hurst (above).

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Bartholomew Dameron gave land to his sons Josiah and Lawrence, Jr. in St. Stephens Parish in Mattapony. His will gave Josiah "the Remainder part of my land in Mattapony (Vitz.) from his Brother Laurence up the Neck to the Extent there of to him & his heirs forever and to have privilege for pasture with his brother for seven years." The Court Orders say Lawrence Dameron had "Land adj. Jno. Claughton in Mattapony Neck, St. Stephens Parish, 18 Jan. 1707-8; 17. 89." One Lawrence Dameron had a wife Jane and three sons. The Lawrence of St. Stephens probably had a son Joseph, whose daughter, Mary,was born March 1, 1714, in St. Stephens. (Va. Col. Abstracts, V III, p. 37.) Another son may have been William Dameron, or he may have been the son of Josiah, or of Thomas Dameron. Josiah married the "relict of Pemberton Claughton, 17 May, 1716."

I sent copies of THE DAMERON-DAMRON GENEALOGY and THE CHRISTOPHER FOSTER FAMILY HISTORY 1603-1953 (the genealogy of this family, my ancestors, which came over with the Puritan migration to Massachusetts Bay in 1635 on the "Abigail" and were among the first English settlers in what is now New York State--Long Island--but was until the end of the 17th century under Connecticut) to the Institute of American Genealogy, 407 S. Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill. and they made me a member of the Institute and listed the books and my name in "Who's Who in Genealogy, The Handbook of American Genealogy." I received a letter from the Director, Mrs. Frank F. Byram (whose husband's family were of the Northern Neck in Virginia), 24 June, 1953, saying: "We are extremely grateful to have your compilations. We are now preparing to put them in binders (and have the pleasure of reading them as we do), and we can certainly say right off that we are pleasantly impressed with the immediately visible evidences of thorough and meticulous research work and of the clear, concise and well-organized presentation of the results of that vast amount of genealogical work... I am looking forward to mounting your Dameron manuscript since I see Northumberland County, Va. coming up, and I have spent many hours with those original records myself--my husband's Byrams originated in Northumberland. Wish I could offer you a Dorothy Byram as wife to Lawrence Dameron, and I do have a Dorothy, too, but, sad, to say, she seems to have been unmarried in 1668. She is simply Dorothy, one of Abraham Byram's four children in his will of that date. Abraham seems to have married a widow by name of Dorothy Clay, hence the daughter Dorothy's name. Often a relative was named an overseer of a will, but I have found justabout as often the overseers to be merely friends and/or neighbors. Anyway, Abraham Byram must have been a trustworthy soul because he was executor and administrator on a number of wills, and was handed power of attorney every whip-stitch. My Byram Northumberland stuff doesn't seem to include any Damerons or Nicholls by any spelling.... I really envy you and your fine work, put into such excellent shape, since I've never been able to copy with the time and energy involved to completely correlate and type my own rather sizable accumulation of family records. Thanks again, on behalf of the Institute, for the Foster and additional Dameron pages."

The Christopher Foster Family History Volume I is over 300 pages and Volume II will be a good deal longer than that, in addition to which there is a Volume III, if it is ever multilithed or mimeographed. It includes many collateral families.

I also sent a copy of THE DAMERON-DAMRON GENEALOGY to the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., to the Virginia State Library, Richmond, Va., and to the Northern Neck Historical Society, Mrs. Henry Mason, Librarian, Montross, Va. at "Airley," and joined this Society which costs $3 membership. She wrote: "We are glad to welcome you into our Society and we hope you will be able to come to our annual meeting which takes place at Montross this fall. Hoping to meet you in the near future." The Headquarters is Montross, Va., President, Sen. R. O. Norris, Jr. Lively, Va., Recording Secretary, Mrs. Thomas L. Hunter, King George, Va., Corresponding Secretary, Miss Lucy Brown Beale, Hague, Va., Treasurer, W. Tayloe Murphy, Warsaw, Va.

This manuscript was stencilled as I wrote it originally, and copies were sent out to the researchers as soon as material was received, which accounts for the additions to the manuscript from time to time etc., but in this way the manuscript was available to work with by quite a number of people--this first edition of 20 copies was intended for research workers. I also sent a copy to Elizabeth Damron Young, Thatcher, Arizona, who wrote: "I thank you immensely. A cousin here is helping me to get my history and genealogy up to date and in good permanent shape, so I appreciate what you sent to me for it came in just at the right time and is so good. I feel that my guardian angel sent you to me at this time. The Damron Reunion will be in Calif. in August. Hope you can be there."

THE DAMERON-DAMRON GENEALOGY,
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THE DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM DAMERON AND HIS WIFE, ELIZABETH WILLIAMS OF ST. STEPHENS' PARISH, NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

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Research by James F. Lewis,

Marcus Hook, Pa.

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William Dameron lived in the section of Northumberland County, Virginia, between the present Henderson Methodist Church and Village. This area is near the county line of Richmond and Westmoreland Counties, Va.
His children were: Roger, daughter who married George Lewis, Elizabeth, William, Luke, George d. 1809, and Christopher.

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THE DECENDANTS OF WILLIAM DAMERON, WILL 1785

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who had land in Northumberland Co., Va. 1652, wife Dorothy.
II. BARTHOLOMEW, eldest son, will 1708. His wife was Elizabeth.
III. LAWRENCE, given land in Mattapony, St. Stephens' Parish near Kinsale by Bartholomew. With his brother Josiah he shared the pasture for seven years (p. 62).
IV. WILLIAM DAMERON, will signed Mar. 23, 1768, left his estate to wife Sarah, children not named. It was presented 1773 by Susannah Dameron, with George Ball as witness and on oath of David Ball (the wife may have been a Ball.)
V. WILLIAM, will signed Jan. 17, 1785, left the plantation to his wife Elizabeth, daughter of Roger Williams of Richmond Co., whose will was probated 1797, according to James F. Lewis, 3 Spruce St., Marcus Hook, Pa. who sent the following data. William's will was proved by Roger Dameron 1785 in St. Stephens' Parish. Children:

VI.1.WILLIAM DAMERON, WILL 1821, OF St. Stephens' Parish, wife Nancy , issue:
(1) Luke W. m.1816 Polly Dameron, dau. of Christopher. Luke Dameron received a pension for the War of 1812 (Catalogue PR 381, MR 127.)
(2) William m. Aug. 15, 1818, Lucinda Sandy, half-sister of William B. Lewis, who was security, dau. of Thomas Sandy. 2d wife was Harriet Lewis.
(3) John C. m. Susanna Winstead, dau. of Daniel, 23 Sept. 1813, St. Mary County, Maryland, Marriage Bonds (this county is across the Potomac River from Northumberland Co., Va. Northumberland Co., Va. Record Book 32, pp. 444 etc. has the case of William C. Winstead vs. Robert, John, Daniel, Ann Dameron, William, Samuel, Susan, Sally, Mary, John, Louisa, James Winstead, for division of the estate of Alice Elmore Oct. 12, 1842:

William C. Winstead	$30.79	5/8,	John C. Dameron, guardian
Robert Dameron	7.69	29/32	"
John "	7.69	"	"
Daniel "	7.69	"	"
Ann "	7.69	"	"
Samuel Winstead	15.39	13/24	Septine Winstead, guardian
Susan "	"	"	"
William "	10.26		"
Sally "	10.26	"	"
Mary "	"	"	"
John Winstead	41.06	1/4	
Louisa "	"	"	
James "	"	"	

(4) Frances or Fanny m. Richardson and had ch. Eliza and Mary.
(5) Nancy m. 1812 William Brandy Lewis, half-brother of Lucinda Sandy who m. William. She was m. 12-29-1812.
(6) Molly m. 1809 Edward G. Richardson, (G. is for Garner), Dec. 20.
(7) Bartholomew m. 8/9/1830, Lucy Dameron, dau. of Christopher and widow of Christopher D. Lewis, whom she m. Feb. 26, 1825.

2. ROGER DAMERON, son of William, will 1785, m. Leanna Jones 15 Aug. 1775, in Richmond Co., Va. Two sons were Charles and William. A dau. Nancy m. Jan. 23, 1808, Samuel Miskell (consent of Roger Dameron), Clerk's Office, Warsaw, Va. He purchased the land that his brother Luke received in Westmoreland Co. in 1789. Roger Dameron and Leanner his wife were admitted to membership Saturday before the 1st Lord's Day of August, 1807, at the Wicomico Baptist Church (Record Book, Northumberland Co., Va., copy of which is in the Archives Division of the Virginia State Library, Richmond, Va.

3. GEORGE DAMERON, mentioned in his father's will.

4. LUKE DAMERON m. Jemima Hudson, widow of Samuel Harrison, 9 Oct. 1794, H. Toler, minister. He moved to Westmoreland Co.

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5. Daughter (name unknown) who m. George Lewis and had a son Edward Dameron Lewis who died 12 June 1845, and m. three times: (1) Annie Barrack (Barrax) 5 Feb. 1800 (bond), by whom he had a son Christopher Dameron Lewis who m. Lucy Dameron 26 Feb. 1825, Walter Self, Sec. (Northumberland Couty Marriage Bonds, by Stratton Nottingham, p. 68, also on file Clerk's Office, Heathsville, Va.); Lucy m. her first cousin, Bartholomew Dameron, 9 Aug. 1830, James W. Beacham (Northumberland County, Va. Marriage Bonds, Stratton Nottingham, p. 25, also on file, Heathsville, Va.) Christopher Dameron Lewis and Lucy had only one child, James C. Lewis, b. 9 Jan. 1827 died 30 July 1877 m. 21 Dec. 1848, Mary S. Harrison (reference, Family Bible, also Death Certificate of James C. Lewis, Heathsville). James F. Lewis of Marcus Hook is great-great grandson of Christopher Dameron Lewis, and wrote: 'My father was born in Northumberland County but shortly after his birth his parents moved to Richmond County near Emmerton...My father knew who his great-grandparents were on both sides but in order to try and find out more I wrote to my grandfather's brother (my grandfather died in 1918) James E. Lewis, a resident of Northumberland Co. He wrote back saying that his grandmother was Lucy Dameron...He also stated that he had heard his grandmother talk of her family many times and that she mentioned an Uncle Roger he never knew...Lucy Dameron Lewis Dameron, widow of Christopher D. Lewis and Bartholomew Dameron lived with her daughter and son-in-law Richard Dawson and Lucy his wife after death of her husband and from what I have heard she used to like to have her grandchildren around her and she would tell them stories of her family. S he had afamily Bible. My father used to visit the Dawson family many times as a youth and he remembers the old Bible...Most of the above people lived in the neighborhood of Henderson Church which is between Callao and Muddy Point...William Dameron and his wife Elizabeth Williams lived in the section of Northumberland County between the present Henderson Methodist Church and Village. This area is near the county line of Richmond and Westmoreland Counties."

Annie Barrack and Edward Dameron Lewis also had a daughter Polly Christopher who m. 29 December 1823 Gerald McKenney, and a son William born 1817, who moved to Washington, D.C. Mildred Dameron McKenny Mar. 7,1870-Jan. 25,1957, is buried in the Gibeon Baptist Church near Village, on Northumberland-Richmond County line.

(2) Edward Dameron Lewis m. second Rebecca Lewis 9 Nov. 1824. (3) He m. third Ann Gill 13 Nov. 1827, who moved to the District of Columbia after her husband's death. Children: Mary A. m. Eli Brown; Elizabeth R. m. John Watson; Christopher C. b. 9 May 1835, named after his elder dec'd brother; Martha J. b. 2 March 1837 m. Francis Truxell; Octavia b. 1 July 1841; Alexander W. b. 10 March 1843.

6. Christopher Dameron m. Gracey Smith Oldham 16 August 1792.

7. Elizabeth Dameron, daughter of above William Dameron Will 1785, known as Betty or Betsy,married Leroy Oldham, Jr. They had no issue, but left property to the children of Christopher Dameron and others (see will). Her will is dated July 5, 1833.

According to James F. Lewis, William Dameron married around 1750 Elizabeth Williams, dau. of Roger Williams of Farnham Parish, Richmond Co., and she was born 13 Feb. 1724/5 in Farnham Parish, Richmond Co., and died in St. Stephen's Parish, Northumberland County, her will being written 30 Sept. 1792 and probated 12 June 17.. 1797. He wrote that "George died 1809. He may have been the father of the following: Alexander, Christopher Dameron, Sally who m. William S. Burton 23 Feb. 1823, Walter Self, sec. (Northumberland Co., Va. Marriage Bonds, S. Nottingham, p. 14), where her name is given as Sally S. Dameron; and Ann Dameron, who m. William C. Booth 9 Sept. 1835, John D. Way, sec. (Ibid, p. 11, also on file Heathsville, Va.) Alexander Dameron and Elizabeth Elmore were m. 15 Jan. 1827, Sam'l Wilkins (Ibid, p. 25). Estate of Alexander Dameron was settled Feb. 14, 1843, with William P. Booth, administrator, mentioning, Elizabeth Dameron, widow and relict; Elizabeth Dameron, a daughter; Alexander Damern, a son, Mary A. Dameron, a daughter, Nancy E. Damernn, a daughter (Northumberland Co., Va. record book No. 33, pp 102-106. See also estate of Christopher Dameron, divided with Sally Burton, wife of William, etc. Bk.30,p.196.

WILL OF ROGER WILLIAMS

I Roger Williams of Richmond County and Parish of North Farnham being sick and weak but of Good and Sound memory thanks be to almighty God for the same calling to Remembrance the uncertainty of this Transitory world that all flesh must yield to death when it shall Please God to call do make and declare this my Last Will and Testament Revoking and Disannuling all other Wills heretofore by me made and that is to be for my last Will and Testament and None other;

ITEM I Give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Williams one Shilling Cash Beside what I have given her by a deed of Gift. ITEM, I Give unto my son George Williams one shilling cash beside what I have Given him by a deed of Gift ITEM I Give unto my son Hukey Williams one Shilling Cash ITEM I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Dameron one shilling Item I Give unto my son John William's children each and every of them one shillingCash ITEM I give & bequeath unto my Son Luke Williams all my Land wheresoever lying to him and his heirs forever except thirty acres of my Land that I Purchased of Michael Connel adjoining the land that I Purchased of Owin Brady. I give unto Capt. LeRoy Peachey during my wife's Priscilla's Life at her decease 'tis my will and desire that the said thirty acres of land shall go to my son Luke to him and his heirs forever. ITEM I Give and bequeath unto my son Luke Williams all the Remainder Part of my Estate of what kind soever (Except what I have Already given by a deed of Gift to my children) to him and his heirs forever. LASTLY I do Nominate and appoint my son Luke Williams to be my whole and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seale the 14th day of January 1767.

ROGER WILLIAMS (SEAL)

Seal'd in Presence of
SAMUEL WILLIAMS
LUKE WILLIAMS
JESSE MORRIS
RICHARD BROWN JUNR.

At a Court held for Richmond County the 2nd day of March 1767 This Will was Presented in Court by Luke Williams Junr. the Sole Executor therein named who made oath thereto according to Law and ,being proved by the oaths of Samuel Williams, Luke Williams, Jesse Morriss, and Richard Brown Junr. Witnesses thereto was admitted to Record. And on the Motion of the said Executor given Security a Certificate is granted for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form.

Test LEROY PEACHEY D. CLK.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF RICHMOND, To-wit:

I, Gertrude S. Delano, Deputy Clerk of the Circuit Court for the County of Richmond in the Commonwealth of Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a TRUE COPY of a WILL as recorded in the Clerk's Office of this Court in WILL BOOK 6, PAGE 13.

Given under my hand and the SEAL of the Court this 14th day of April, 1958.

(Signed) GERTRUDE S. DELANO, Deputy-Clerk
of the Circuit Court of Richmond County.

(SEAL)

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DEED FROM JOHN C. DAMERON AND SUSANNAH, his wife, Luke Dameron and Polly his wife, William Dameron and Lucrenda his wife, William B. Lewis and Nancy his wife, Frances Dameron, Bartholomew Dameron, all of Northumberland County, to PRESLEY HUDSON, dated Dec. 24, 1821 (Record Book 23, p. 61.)

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DEED 1862 is from Lucy Dameron, widow of Bartholomew Sr., her dau. Gracey Lewis, James C. Lewis, son of Lucy and half-bro. of Bartholomew Jr. to Richard Dawson whose wife, Lucy, was dau. of Bartholomew Sr. and Lucy his wife, and sister of Bartholomew J

DAMERON-LEWIS DEED TO RICHARD DAWSON, 1862

This Indenture, made and entered into this the Eighteenth day of December Eighteen hundred and Sixty-two, bwtween Lucy Dameron, James C. Lewis and Mary S. his wife, John F. Lewis and Gracy his wife of the County of Northumberland and State of Virginia of the one part, and Richard Dawson of the County & State of the other part: W ithesseth: That for and in consideration of the sum of Eight Hundred and Eighteen Dollars and fifty-seven cents, to us in hand paid or secured to be paid by Richard Dawson of the County and State aforesaid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do grant, sell, and convey unto the said Richard Dawson all of our interest in the real estate of Bartholomew Dameron Jr., deceased, consisting of two lots of land containing Forty acres each. One piece lying on the road leading from 'Henderson's Chapel' to 'Bailey's Mill' and adjoining the dower land of Lucy Dameron and others, the other piece lying in 'Monday's Neck' adjoining the lands of John Cookman, James W. Wright and others to have and to hold the same to the saidDawson his heirs and assigns to his and their use forever. Andwe Lucy Dameron, James C. Lewis and John F. Lewis covenant with the said Richard Dawson his heirs and assigns that we are the lawful heirs of the said Bartholomew Dameron, Jr. and that we will warrant and defend the same to the said Dawson his heirs and assigns against the lawful claims and demands of all persons. In testimony whereof we the said Lucy Dameron, James C. Lewis and Mary S. his wife, John G. Lewis and Gracy his wife have hereunto set our hands and seals the dayand year above written.

Signed sealed and delivered
in the presence of C. W. Fallin
Wm. R. Claughton

LUCY DAMERON her x mark (Seal)
JAMES C. LEWIS his x mark (Seal)
MARY S. LEWIS (Seal)
JOHN F. LEWIS his x mark (Seal)
GRACY LEWIS (Seal)

STATE OF VIRGINIA:
COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND to-wit:

We, C.W. Fallin and Wm. R.Claughton Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid do certify that Mary S. Lewis the wife of James C. Lewis whose names are signed to the writing within bearing date the 18th December 1862 personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid and being examined by us privily and apart from her husband, and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her she the said Mary S. Lewis acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared she had willingly executed the same and does not wishto retract it. Given under our hands this 27th day of January 1863.

C. W. FALLIN, J.P.
WM. R. CLAUGHTON, J.P.

STATE OF VIRBINIA:
COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND to-wit:

We, C.W. Fallin & Wm. R. Claughton Justices of the Peace for the County of Northumberland, docertify that Gracy Lewis the wife of John F. Lewis whose namesare signed to the writing within bearing date 18th of December 1862 personally appeared before us in the County aforesaid and being examined by us privily & apart from her husband and having the writing fully explained to her, she the said Gracy Lewis acknowledged the said writing to be her act and declared she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it. Given under our hands this 29th day of January, 1863.

C. W. FALLIN, J.P.
WM. R. CLAUGHTON, J.P.

STATE OF VIRGINIA:
NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COURT: February 9, 1863. This Deed from Dameron et al to Dawson was this day proven in open court by the oaths of Chas. W. Fallin & Wm. R. Claughton the subscribing witnesses thereto and with the report of privy examination thereon endorsedwas ordered recorded. Teste M. C. CRALLE cc

Truly recorded M. B. CRALLE cc.

(Deed Book C, p. 367.)

WILL OF LEROY OLDHAM

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I Leroy Oldham of Northumberland County and parish of St. Stephens being very sick and low in health but of perfect sences and sound memory thanks be to God for it and calling to mind the mortality of man knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows--first I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to the dust from whence it came to be buried in a christianlike manner at the descression of my executors hereafter named and as it hath please God that I should be possessed with a portion of this worldly goods I give and bequeath the same as follows. Item It is my will and desire that my beloved wife Betty Oldham have the use of all my estate both real and personal during her natural life andat her Heath it is my will and desire that Leroy Oldham Dameron son of Christopher Dameron and Gracey L. Dameron his wife shall have the plantation I now live on to him and his heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath to Polly Christopher Dameron daughter of the above Christopher and Gracey one Negro girl Maria to her and her heirs forever Item I give and bequeath to Thomas Oldham Dameron son to said Christopher and Gracey his wife one Negro boy Jerry to him and his heirs forever Item I give and bequeath to Lucy Smith Dameron daughter to said Christopher and Gracey one Negro girl Frank to her and heir heirs forever Item Igive and bequeath to my brothers daughter Nancy Tarpley Oldham two Negroes viz--Jane and Nelly to her and her heirs forever Item I give and bequeath to Lucy Oldham daughter of my brother Thomas Oldham two Negroes viz--Sarah and Isaac Item I give and bequeath to Molly Draper Dameron who now lives with me one Negro girl Ann to her and her heirs forever Item it is ____ will and desire that theincrease of the Negroes above mentioned shall go as said Negroes are devised Item it is my will and desire that all my estate not before given be equally divided between the above mentioned Leroy O. Dameron, Polly C. Dameron, Thomas O. Dameron, Lucy S. Dameron, Nancy T. Oldham and Lucy Oldham and Lastly I nominate my brother Thomas Oldham my trustyfriend Christopher Dameron and Sam'll Cralle Executors to this my last will and testament revoking and denying all other willsby me made In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this eighth day of April one thousand eight hundred and four.

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged in presence of

LUKE DAMERON
WILLIAM DAMERON
ROGER DAMERON

LEROY his X mark OLDHAM (SEAL)

At a Court of Monthly Session held for Northumberland County at the Courthouse on Monday the 11th of June 1804 This Last Will and testament of Leroy Oldham dec'd was proved by the oaths of Luke Dameron, William Dameron and Roger Dameron the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. Samuel Cralle one of the executors in the said will named relinquished his right of executorship thereof and on the motion of Christopher Dameron the other executor therein named a certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat thereof in due form he having taken the oath of an executor and together with William Dameron and Roger Dameron his securities entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of three thousand Dollars conditioned as the law directs. Teste

FLEMING BATES, C.N.C.

Truly recorded Teste FLEM. BATES C.N.C.
Recorded in Record Book No. 17 page 169

(SEAL)

A true copy, Teste:

HUNTER D. WILLIAMS,
Deputy Clerk,
Northumberland County, Va.

WILL OF ELIZABETH OLDHAM

In the Name of God Amen I ELIZABETH OLDHAM of Northumberland County and Parish of St. Stephens being very sick and low in body but in perfect senses and sound memory thanks be to God for it and calling to mind the mortality of man and the certainty of death do make and ordain this Will and Testament.

First I recommend my soul to God and body to the dust from whence it came to be buried in a decent manner at the discreation of my Executors hereafter named as it hath pleased God that I should be possessed with a portion of this worlds goods I give and bequeath the same in manner and form following: Item I give and bequeath to my nieces Elizabeth Jewell and Ann Dawson daughters of Christopher Dawson one bed & furniture each Item I give and bequeath to my nephew Edward D. Lewis the sum of fifty dollars. Item I give and bequeath to my nephew Christopher Dawson the sum of forty dollars. Item I give and bequeath to my niece Polley Barnes my young yoke of oxen for the use of her Daughter Koretta Katharine Barnes Item I give and bequeath to George Burton son of William Burton one cow called Lilly and her calf Item I give and bequeath to my nieces Ann & Hannah Dameron daughters of Luke Dameron twenty dollars to be equally divided Item I give and bequeath to my niece Mary L. Lewis wife of Frederick Lewis all my estate not before mentioned both real and personal also my crop now growing revoking and denying all other wills by me heretofore made lastly I appoint my trusty friends Frederick Lewis and Darius G Cralle my executors in this my last will and testament.

In winess whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 5th day of July 1833

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ELIZABETH x OLDHAM (Seal)
mark

Signed sealed and acknowledged
in presence of
SAMUL CRALLE VALENTINE LEWIS
THOMAS SELF

At a Court of Quarterly Session held for Northumberland County at the courthouse on Mondy the 12th of August 1833, This last will and testament of Elizabeth Oldham dec'd was proved bythe oaths of Thomas Self & Valentine Lewis witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded the Executors therein named relinquished their right of executorship and on the motion of Frederick Lewis a Certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of administration with this will annexed and together with Geo L Beacham & John P Claughton his securities entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of one thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs

Teste M. B. CRALLE C C

A true copy--teste: EMELINE A. HALL, Clerk.
Recorded in Record Book No. 27, page 450.

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ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER DAMERON, NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

Alexander Dameron was administrator of this estate, which may be that of a son of George Dameron, son of William Will signed 1785. The estate was divided as follows: To William Burton and Sally his wife who was SallyDameron, a sister of the dec'd; to William Booth and Nancy his wife, who was Nancy Dameron , a sister of the dec'd; to James Kenty and Catherine, his wife, who was Catherine Dameron; to Alexander Dameron, the admr. and brother of the dec'd. Each received a share of $3.98 1/4. (Northumberland Co., Va. Record Book 30, p. 196 etc.)

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In Gibeon Baptist Church near Village Northumberland Co., Va. on the Richmond line are on the same headstone: Richard Christopher Dameron July 26, 1844-July 12, 1909 and Otelia Mildred Dameron July 2, 1909-March 25, 1912.

VI. CHRISTOPHER DAMERON (Lawrence[1], Bartholomew[2], Lawrence[3], William, Will 1768[4], William, will signed 1785[5]) married Gracey Smith Oldham 16 August 1792, daughter of Thomas and Ann Oldham. She was b. 10 Dec. 1775, and her father was the younger brother of Leroy Oldham who married Elizabeth Dameron, sister of Christopher. (See Will of Thomas Oldham dated 1824.) The Census for 1810 Northumberland Co., Va. has Christopher Dameron males under 10-2, under 26-45 1; females, under 10-3, 10-16 1, 26-45 1. The 1820 census has Christopher Dameron with males under 10, 1; 16-26 1, 26-45, 1 45 up 1; females under 10, 2; 45 and up 1.
Children:

1. THOMAS OLDHAM was dead by 1850, at which time his land was sold and the money divided among his heirs. He was twice married (1) to Judith Clarke 22 August 1827, Wm. Holliday, sec. (bond, Northumberland Co., Va. compiled by Nottingham, p. 26; (2) he m. second Harriet Clarke 8 Feb. 1837, George Wilkins, sec. (Ibid.) Northumberland Co., Va. Estate Book B, p. 283 has a Decree of the Northumberland Court pronounced 13 May 1850, suit in chancery of Purcell and wife vs. Dameron. This is for a sale at public auction of a tract of land whereon Thomas O. Dameron died whereas Joseph Clarke became the purchaser at the price of $171, of this $30.19 had been received in cash for cost of suit and expense of sale; three bonds at 12 mont covering the balance in equal amounts, one payable to Thomas Hayden who had purchased the interest of Purcell and wife, another to Robert Dameron and the other to Sally Dameron had been taken with good security (bonds worth $46.93 2/3), recorded 14 Oct. 1850. Thomas lived near Village in Northumberland County and had the following children by first wife: (1) Hannah m. Stewart Purcell 2 Jan. 1850 (Minister's Marriage Returns on file in Clerk's Office, Heathsville, Va.) By his second wife, he had (2) Sarah A. Dameron, who m. Robert M. Clark, age 25, single son of Nathaniel Clark & Elizabeth, 2 Nov. 1871. The bride was age 28, single dau. of Thomas Dameron & Harriet Clark. (Northumberland Co., Va. Marriage Book 1854-1917, p. 20.) (3) George H. Dameron b. about 1846, married 23 Feb. 1887 Marganah Headley, age 24, single daughter of Henry Headley and Mary Dawson; the groom was age 41, single son of Thomas Dameron & Harriet Clark. (Ibid. p. 49.)

2. LEROY OLDHAM DAMERON (1798-1852) lived near Village,, m. 15 July 1820, Geo. Wilkins, Sec. Frances Walker, a native of Lancaster County. (Northumberland Co. Marriage Bonds 1783-1850, Nottingham, p. 25.) His will was written 2 Feb. 1852 and probated 13 Sept. 1852. It gave to his son Richard C. Dameron all the tract of land whereon Richard Jewell now lives subject to my widows dower together with fifty dollars; all the rest of my estate both real and personal after my widow receives her dower to my children except my son Richard C. Dameron above named. Thomas S. Lyell, Exec. Witness Charles S. Lawrence, Jeremiah Cookman. (Northumberland Co., Va. Will Book A, p. 39.)

The division of personal property of the heirs of L.O. Dameron 1854: Frances Dameron widow and relict of L.O. Dameron dec'd is intitle to 1/3; Richard Harrison and Rebecca hiswife, a daughter, is intitle to 1/5; Matthew Harrison and Frances his wife, a daughter, is intitle to 1/5; Ann Dameron a daughter is intitle to 1/5; Susan Dameron, a daughter is intitle to 1/5; Thomas Dameron, a son, is intitle to 1/5 (Northu;mberland Co., Va. Estate Book C, p. 501.)

A chancery suit followed: Mathew Harrison and Frances his wife and Rebecca Dameron, compl. vs. Ann, Susan, Thomas Dameron, deft. A. J. Brent appointed guardian to defend the infants Ann, Susan, Thomas interest. Dated 9 Feb. 1854. (Northumberland Co., Va. Estate Book C, p. 337 etc.) A deed dated 17 March 1853, Richard A. Claybrook, comm. and Rebecca B. Dameron, whereas by decree of County Court of Northumberland pronounced 14 Feb. 1853, in suit of M.H. Harrison and others vs. Dameron. There after due notice the Comm. sold tract of land at public auction and the said Rebecca B. Dameron being highest bidder at $291, it being tract of land where Leroy O. Dameron her father lived at the time of his death bounded by main road on one side leading from Union Village to Gibbon Meeting House adjoining the tract left by the said Leroy O. Dameron to his son Richard, the lands of Thomas C. Self, etc. cont. recorded 9 Jan. 1854. (Northumberland Co., Va. Deed Book B, 1852-57, p. 134.)

The children of Leroy Oldham Dameron and Frances Walker were:

(1) Frances Dameron who m. 31 July 1852 Mathew Harrison. (Northumberland Co. Virginia Minister's Returns on file in Heathsville, Va.

(2) Rebecca m. Richard H. Harrison.

(3) Anne Elizabeth b. 1838 m. 1 March 1862 to Dandridge Sydnor age 22, single son of William B. and Ann;Elizabeth then age 24. (Richmond Co., Va. Marriage Book 1853-1906, p. 11.)

(4) Susan. (5) Thomas. (6) Richard Christopher b. July 26, 1844, d. July 12, 1909. He lived near Village, and at age 36, m. Winnie C. Fallin, age 19, single dau. of Richard L. and Martha, Oct. 15, 1889. (Richmond Co., Va. Marriage Book, 1853-1906, p. 74.) Buried in Gibeon Baptist Churchyard near Village. Children: Ruth m. _____ Dixon; Leroy; Richard Walker (Oct. 15, 1897-Feb. 17, 1957), Carlton; Elton R. m. Louise Bryant 29 Apr. 1925; Susie died young.

3. POLLY CHRISTOPHER DAMERON, dau. of Christopher Dameron and Gracey Smith Oldham, m. 21 Aug. 1816, Luke W. Dameron, son of William and Nancy. He was a cousin.

4. LUCY SMITH DAMERON b. about 1805, was twice married, 1st to Christopher D. Lewis 26 Feb. 1825, son of Edward Dameron Lewis, and had one son, James C. b. 9 Jan. 1827; 2d to Bartholomew Dameron 9 Aug. 1830 son of William and Nancy. (See him.)

5. Elizabeth Dameron m. Richard Jewell.

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DEED DATED 18 DEC. 1862 between LUCY DAMERON, JAMES C. LEWIS and MARY S., his wife, John F. Lewis and Gracey his wife to Richard Dawson, all of the county of Northumberland, all their interest in the real estate of Bartholomew Dameron, Jr. dec'd consisting of two lots of land containing 40 acres each, one piece lying on the road leading from Henderson Chapel to Bailey's mill and adjoining the dower land of Lucy Dameron and others, the other piece lying in Monday's Neck adjoining the lands of John Cookman, James W. Wright and others.

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THE FAMILY OF LUKE DAMERON

VI. LUKE DAMERON (Lawrence[1], Bartholomew[2], Lawrence[3], William[4], William[5]) was married by Rev. Henry Toler on 9 Oct. 1794 to Jemima Harrison, wid. of Samuel Harrison, whom she had m. 2 Nov. 1786. (Toler was a Baptist minister.) Jemima Hudson and Samuel Harrison were m. by Rev. Lewis Lunsford. (Northumberland Co., Va. Marriages in Clerk's Fee books.) Luke Dameron's estate was administered by Joseph Ball 13 Sept. 1830 at which time it was stated that he had been dead more than three months. Received land in Westmoreland County by his father's will which he sold to his brother Roger 30 May 1789 and Roger sold the land he had received from his father's will in Northumberland County to his brother Luke. Luke and Jemima had the following children

1. Polly m. George Jackson 24 Feb. 1830, James W. Beacham, sec. (Northumberland Co. Marriage Bonds, Nottingham, p. 59.)

2. Elizabeth Dameron m. 23 Oct. 1822, Matthew Harrison, sec. to Thomas P. Lewis. (Marriage Bonds of Richmond Co., Va. on file, Clerk's Office, Warsaw, Va.) Elizabeth was b. Oct. 24, 1796, d. Apr. 22, 1894. Thomas Parker Lewis was b. June 18, 1791, d. May 1, 1885. Both are buried in Gibeon Baptist Churchyard near Village.

3. Ann Dameron m. Jeremiah Fallin 27 Jan. 1834, Thomas P. Lewis, sec. (Marriage Bonds on file, Warsaw, Va.)

4. Hannah m. 2 Jan. 1839, Elias S. Burton, Sec. to John Balderson. (Richmond Co., Va. Marriage Bonds on file in Clerk's Office, Warsaw, Va.)

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Luke Dameron exempted fom paying levies on his person in future, he being aged and infirm, 13 June 1825. (Northumberland Co., Va. Order Book 1825-30, p. 17.)

Property of Luke and William Dameron destroyed by the enemy July 10,1815 (Northumberland Co., Order Book 1811-15, p. 347.)

THE WILLIAM DAMERON FAMILY

VI. WILLIAM DAMERON (Lawrence[1], Bartholomew[2], Lawrence[3], William[4], William[5]), will dated 10 May 1821, probated 9 July 1821, m. Nancy _____. He owned over 400 acres of land in the upper end of Northumberland County, most of which he gave to his sons before his death and the rest he disposed of in his will. One tract near Mundy Point he left to his wife for her lifetime, then it was to go to his son Bartholomew. Children:

1. John Corbin Dameron b. Feb. 5, 1784, Northumberland Co. and d. about 1850 in Richmond County. He received land in his father's will and also purchased several tracts in Northumberland Co. where he lived several years before moving to Richmond Co. about1836. He was twice married (1st) to Susanna Winstead, dau. of Daniel, and 2d. to Hester Shelly 7 Apr. 1837 in Richmond Co. Children by first wife were:

(1) Robert H. b. 1816 d. Dec. 4, 1871 in Westmoreland Co., Va. m. three times and had children by first and second wives. His first was Lucy _____ and second Sarah Howson whom he m. 29 Jan. 1862 in Westmoreland Co., Va. His third wife was Martha _____. Children by first wife: 1st, James b. 1838; 2d Francis b. 1840; 3d Luke b. 1841; 4th Robert H. b. 1845 m. 1867 to Catherine Ann Gregory, a widow; 5th George b. 1847; 6th Dandridge b. 1851 who was dead before 26 Dec. 1876, at which time his widow married his cousin John Dameron. He was married 15 Jan. 1785 to Sarah Frances Douglass; 7th Lucy b. 1854, d. 1872. Children by his second wife were: 8th Susan b. 1863; Henry b. 1865 m. Cora Crabb; 10th Dolly b. 1866.

(2) Daniel, son of John Corbin Dameron, by first wife; (3) Mary Ann; (4) William C.; (5) John C. b. 1818 m. Lucy Jane Hall 8 Jan. 1842 in Richmond County. Both John and Lucy were dead by 1870. Their children were: 1st. William C. b. 1842; Martha b. 1844 m. 6 June 1867 to John J. Shackleford; 3d Charles b. 1846, d. 1926, m. Calvina Garner b. 1854 d. 1936, both being buried in the Carmel Methodist Churchyard Tucker Hill Westmoreland Co.; 4th Robert Henry b. 1848 m. 17 Jan. 1872 to Rebecca Garner; 5th John b. 1850 m. 26 Dec. 1876 to Sarah Douglass, widow of his cousin Dandridge Dameron; 6th Edwin Lucius b. June 3, 1853, d. Oct. 13, 1922, m. Ella E. Bramell b. Feb. 20, 1850, d. Mar. 1, 1928, both buried in the churchyard of Carmel Methodist Church Tucker Hill Westmoreland Co.; 7th Dawsey b. 1854; 8th Richard b. 1858.

Children of John Corbin Dameron b. 1784 by second wife, Hester Shelly:

(6). Joseph Dameron m. Dec. 23, 1869 to Amelia Ambrose, dau. of Redman Ambrose, children: 1st, Samuel L. b. 1873; 2d, Laura B. b. 1872 m. G. H. Fones; 3rd Fanny C. m. Lucius Balderson; 4th Ruth; 5th Samuel; 6th Richard Lunsford (better known as Lunsford) who was married three times, first to Alice Harper 5 Feb. 1872, second to Mary Frances Bartlett 8 Dec. 1887, third to Maria Hudson, former widow of James Hudson and Henry Dameron. He had no children by the third wife, this being a marriage between two old people for companionship (she was Maria Catherine Dobyns originally). All are buried in Gibeon Church near Village, where his last wife is buried beside her second husband James Hudson thus: "James C. Hudson March 1831 Feb. 1890--Maria C. Hudson, May 1843-June 1917. The other tombs show: "Mary Frances, wife of R. L. Dameron, age 55 years (no year)--Alice Areento, dau. of R. L. & M. F. Dameron, age 15 years (no year); Mary Alice, wife of R. L. Dameron, age 42 years (no year), remains of R. L. Dameron (no dates)." By his first wife, Lunsford Dameron had a dau. Catherine who m. Joseph Salzig 12 June 1901.

2. MOLLY DRAPER DAMERON, dau. of William, will 1821, b. 18 Dec. 1786, was dead by Jan. 1817. She m. 20 Dec. 1809 Edward Garner Richardson; He m. Margaret Self 1817.

3. Luke William b. 30 Mar. 1789, m. Aug. 21, 1816, his cousin Polly Christopher.

4. William b. 5 Feb. 1792 m. twice, 1st to Lucinda Sandy 15 Aug. 1818, 2d to Harriet Lewis 19 May 1832. Lucinda was dau. of Thomas Sandy.

5. Frances.

6. Nancy or Ann m. William Brandy Lewis 29 Dec. 1812, half-bro.of Lucinda Sandy.

7. Bartholomew b. 1802 m. 9 Aug. 1830 Lucy Dameron, dau. of Christopher and widow of Christopher D. Lewis. He was dead by 1853 when estate was divided. Children: (1) Lucy m. 17 Dec. 1856 Richard Dawson and 2d William J. Davis; (2) Gracey d. 10 Dec. 1889, m. John Fleet Lewis Oct. 5, 1852; (3) Bartholomew. Dead by 1863, unmarried.

William Brandy Lewis was b. 1787 and was living in 1855 when he received bounty land for his service during the War of 1812.

Gracey A. Dameron wase married 5 Oct. 1852 (Minister's Return on file in Heathsville, Va.) to Fleet Lewis. She d. Dec. 10, 1889, age 45, of cancer, daughter of Bartholomew and Lucy Dameron. The will of John F. Lewis was probated 10 Apr.1899. They had issue: Lucy m. (1) Richard Dawson Dec. 12, 1856, age 29, son of Benjamin Dawson and Fannie Headley. Her age is given as age 18, dau. of Bartholomew Dameron and Lucy Dameron (Northumberland Co., Va. Marriage Book 1854-1917.) They had issue and the father of James F. Lewis used to visit them. On Sept. 1, 1881, Lucy Dawson, age 35, dau. of Bartholomew and Lucy Dameron, married William J. Davis, age 48. (Ibid.)

DIVISION OF THE ESTATE OF BARTHOLOMEW DAMERON January 1853. Lucy S. Dameron, widow, and relict to receive 1/3 of whole estate; John F. Lewis and Grace his wife a daughter to receive 1/3 of balance of estate; Lucy Dameron a daughter to receive 1/3 of balance of estate; Bartholomew Dameron, a son, to receive 1/3 of balance of estate. (Northumberland Co., Va. Estate Book C, p. 347, etc.)

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NOTES ON LUKE DAMERON, SON OF WILLIAM AND ELIZABETH DAMERON

"Ordered that Joseph Ball, Sheriff of this county be appt. admr. of the estate of Luke Dameron dec'd he having been dead more than three months and no person applying for admr. of the estate,"Sydnor T. Hudson, Presley Hudson, Tho. Hudson and James Beacham or any three appt. appraiser. 13 Sept. 1830, p. 23, Northumberland Co., Va. Order Book 1830-35.

On the motion of George Jackson and Polly his wife ord. that Anne Dameron, Thos. Lewis and Betsy his wife and Hannah Dameron heirs of Luke Dameron dec'd be sum'd to appear at Nov. court next to show cause why the lands of the said dec'd should not be divided between the heirs of the deceased. 13 Sept. 1830. P. 23, ibid.

Ordered that Leroy G. Edwards and Presley Hudson be app't to make sale of the lands of which Luke Dameron dec'd seized on 12 months credit and report. 14 Feb. 1830. P. 23, ibid.

Jackson and wife vs. Dameron etc. The summons awarded in this case at Sept. term last having been returned duty executed and it appearing to the court that the lands whereon Luke Dameron died seized will not amount in value to each heir the sum of $300, It is ordered that Leroy G. Edwards and Presley Hudson be appointed commissioners to make sale of same on twelve months credit and to take bonds payable to themselv as commissioners for the distribution to each heir or rept. P.60.

Ordered that Mast. Commissioner Sydnor settle Jos. Ball Jr. admr. of the estate of Luke Dameron, dec'd and report. 9 April 1832, p. 153, ibid.

Acct. of the estate of Luke Dameron dec'd return,13 May 1833, pp. 258, 259.

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NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, VA. CENSUS, 1850, by C. Cox, Marshall:

No. 2-2, Bartholomew Dameron, age 48, male, white, farmer, $1,000 real estate, birthplace, Northumberland Co.; Lucy age 48, Lucy age 13, Mary age 11, Bartholomew age 9, male white. All b.Northumberland Co. Va.

No. 6-6. Richard Dawson, age 23, farmer, born Northumberland Co., Elizabeth age 21, born Northumberland, Ann Dugan, age 13, Jerry Dameron age 11, male, white--all b. Northumberland Co.

No. 213-213. Joseph Dameron age 26, farmer, $780 real estate, b. Northumberland Co., Mary age 22, James age 17, Henry age 13. All b. Northumberland Co.

VI. ROGER DAMERON (Lawrence[1], Bartholomew[2], Lawrence[3], William[4], William[5]), was born in Northumberland Co. about 1750 and married Leanna Jones 15 Aug. 1775 (Marriage Bond, Richmond Co., Va.) He received land in Northumberland Co. by his father's will but sold this land to his brother Luke and he purchased Luke's land in Westmoreland Co. 30 May 1789. Roger also owned land in Richmond Co. His estate was administered by Joseph Ball, Jr. 11 May 1831 in Northumberland Co. at which time it was stated that Roger had been dead more than three months. Roger was probably named for Roger Williams, father of Elizabeth Williams Dameron, whose mother was named Mary according to the North Farnham Parish Register. Roger had the following known children and there may have been others: Roger Dameron and Leanner his wife admitted to membership Saturday before the 1st Lord's Day of August 1807. (Wicomico Baptist Church Record, Northumberland Co., Va. a copy of which is on file in the Archive Div. Virginia State Library, Richmond, Va.)

1. WILLIAM DAMERON b. 17 Aug. 1777, Farnham Parish, Richmond Co. m. 10 April 1809 in Richmond Co. to Milly Jones, spinster, Leroy Littrell, sec. (Clerk's Office, Warsaw, Va.) Children, so far as known:

(1) Richard Dameron b. 1815 m. 23 March 1844, Edw'd L. Winstead, sec. to Sarah J. Thrift, Richmond Co., Va. She may have been a second wife since his daughter Arabella was b. around 1837 according to the 1850 census. Children: a. Arabella b. 1837; b. Adora S. b. 1845; c. William b. 1848; d. John S. H. b. 1852; e. Richard H.C. b. 1857, twin; f. George A. S. b. 1857, twin; g. Josephine b. 1861.

(2) Charles Y. Dameron, son of William, b. 1813 m. 1 Oct. 1833, Lucy Douglass, John W. Douglass, sec. (Northumberland Co., Va. Marriage Bonds, by Nottingham p. 25, also on file Heathsville, Va.) Children: Hannan b. 1842; Moranda b. 1845; Frances S.E. (could be J.E.) b. 1849; Caroline Y. b. 1852; Malchesdec b. 1853, a son. The 1850 Census, Richmond,Co. Va., Farnham Parish, lists pp. 295--Charles Y. Dameron, age 37, male, white, farmer, born Richmond Co., with Lucy age 39, female, white; Hannah A. age 8, female, white; Miranda age 5, female, white; James J.E. 1 year, male, white.

(3) Joseph Dameron, son of above William, b. 1820, m. Sarah Hammock 10 Aug. 1841, Northumberland Co. He lived for awhile in Richmond Co. and moved to Northumberland Co. around 1857. Children: Alice Jane b. 1843; Lutishia b. 1846 m. Frederick Tyson; Barzella b. 1847; Sarah F.; Mary F. m. Henry Taylor; Andrew Franklin Jackson b. 1854 d. 1929 m. Elizabeth Richardson b. 1853; Charles Steptoe Blackwell m. Mary A. Anderson; lastly, Ferdinand b. around 1859. The 1850 Census, Northumberland Co. Va. by C. Cox, marshall, lists No. 23-23: Joseph Dameron, age 30, shoemaker, born Northumberland Co., Sarah age 25; Alice age 7; Litisha, age 4, female; Boswell age 3, male; Mary age 2; Alice Dungan age 12, female, white.

2. NANCY DAMERON, daughter of above Roger, was m. 23 Jan. 1808, to Samuel Miskell, Roger Dameron giving his consent. (Clerk's Office, Warsaw, Va.)

3. LEANNAH DAMERON b. 1795 m. 6 Jan. 1823, Edward K. Tune. (Samuel E. Tune, age 42, widower, b. Richmond Co., son of Edward K. Tune and Leanna Dameron, married Mary E. J. Rock, age 35, widow, born Northumberland Co., dau. of Charles Dameron and Jane Keene, 18 June, 1865. (Northumberland Co., Marrigge Book 1854-1917, p.13,l.25.

4. CHARLES DAMERON, son of above Roger, married twice. His first wife was Anne or Nancy Pope whom he married 3 May 1819 in Northumberland Co. His second wife was Jane Keene whom he married 17 Apr. 1822. Charles and Jane lived in Northumberland Co. in a place known as Plain View. The deed dated 23 Apr. 1830 from Albert G. Plummer to Joseph M. and Mary E. J. Dameron is for "house and lot known as Plain View where their father Charles Dameron now lives", recorded 25 May 1830; witness M.B. Cralle, Rob't Alexander, Stephen B. Payn. (Northumberland Co., Va. Record Book 27, line 121.)

Children of Charles Dameron, son of Roger: By first wife--

(1) Elizabeth Dameron.

(2) By second wife: Joseph M. m. Feb. 21, 1851, to Mary Anne Tune, dau. of Edward K. Tune and Leannah Dameron.

(3) Mary E. J. Dameron, who m. twice. Her first husband was Charles H. Rock, whom she married Jan. 8, 1851. Her second husband was Samuel E. Tune whom she married June 18, 1865, son of Edward K. Tune and Leanna Dameron.

(4) James Albert Dameron b. Mar. 4, 1832, d. Jan. 9, 1919, m. Dec. 10, 1858, Mary Courtney b. March 1, 1838, d. Nov. 3, 1924. Both are buried in Carmel Methodist Churchyard, Tucker Hill, Westmoreland Co.

(5) Henry Lawson Dameron m. Maria Dobyns. After his death she m. James Hudson and she is buried beside her second husband in Gibeon Baptist Churchyard near Village, Northumberland. Children: Lula or SLoülie who m. John Fleet Rock (known as Fleet Rock., 2d. Henrian Dameron. (The information concerning Henry was given to James F. Lewis by Mrs. Carlton Hudson, daughter-in-law of Maria.)

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DEED OF GIFT FROM WILLIAM DAMERON to his sons, Charles Y., Richard and Joseph, one Negro woman named Margery, dated 1 March 1823. Witness. Walt Self, Willoughby Harrison, Thos. Bell. Recorded 15 Aug. 1823. (Richmond Co., Va. Deed Book 21, p.455.)

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DEED FROM LUKE DAMERON TO ROGER DAMERON: Dated 30 May 1789, Luke Dameron of St. Stephens Parish, Northumberland Co., Va. to ROGGER DAMERON of Westmoreland Co. for sum of 100 pounds current money of Virginia, tract of land in Yeocommoco Neck being the land left to the said Luke by his father William Dameron by his last will containing 100 acres more or less. Recorded 30 June 1789. Witness: David Straugham, Wm. Dameron, George Dameron, Henry Dawson, Christopher Dameron. (Westmoreland Co., Va. Deed Book 18, p. 70.)

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DEED TO WILLIAM DAMERON: Deed dated 31 Aug. 1783 by Benjamin Goff and Winnefred his wife of St. Stephens' Parish, Northumberland Co., Va. to WILLIAM DAMERON of Cople Parish, Westmoreland Co. for sum of 10,000 pounds of tobacco tract of land situated in Yeocommoco Neck that Fernifold Nutt and Sissey his wife sold to William Obyan Goff 29 May 1764. Witness. Math Self, William Dameron, Junr., George Habrow. Recorded 31 Aug. 1784. (Westmoreland Co., Va. Deed Book 16, p. 238.)

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RICHMOND COUNTY, VA. CENSUS, 1850, FARNHAM PARISH:

166-166. Hester Dameron, age 42, female, white, born Northumberland Co., Va. Sim J., age 11, no sex noted, white, b. Richmond Co., Orrace Samuel age 9, male, Richard L., age 7, male, Elizabeth age 4, female, all b. Richmond Co.

172-172. John Dameron, age 32, male, white, farmer, b. Westmoreland Co., Lucy J. age 30, female, white, b. Westmoreland Co., William C., age 8, b. Richmond Co., Lucy J. age 6, Charles S. age 3, Robert H., age 1, all b. Richmond Co.

337-337. Richard Dameron, age 35, shoe and bootmaker, real estate $150, b. Richmond Co., Sarah J. age 30 b. Richmond Co., Arabella age 13, Adora S. age 5, femal white, William C., age 2.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, VA. 1850 CENSUS, C. COX, MARSHALL:

21-21. Harriett Dameron, age 33, female, white, b. Northumberland Co., William Beacham age 24, male, white, farmer, real estate $600, b. Northumberland C., Maria age 40, female, white b. Northumberland Co., Caroline age 13, female, Charles age 11, all b. Northumberland Co., Va.

28-28. Joseph D. Rock, age 33, male, carpenter, b. Northumberland Co., Sophia age 40, female, b. Northumberland Co., Georgianna age 8 b. Richmond Co., Va., Mary age 7, Marie age 5, Lucius age 3, male, David age 16, Ann age 16, female all b. Northumberland Co., Va. (Ann Dameron was the name of the last item.)

THE DAMERON-DAMRON GENEALOGY,
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THE DAMERONS OF KENTUCKY AND WEST VIRGINIA

Research by Luther F. Damron of
Havertown, Pa., Alice Mary Aiken
of Harrisonburg, Virginia, and
Others.

I. THE DAMERON-DAMRON ANCESTRY.

1. Additional Notes on Russell County, Virginia.

II. THE DAMERONS OF KENTUCKY AND WEST VIRGINIA.

1. James Damron of Floyd and Pike Counties, Kentucky.

2. The Damrons of Floyd County, Kentucky.

3. The Descendants of Richard Damron of Kentucky.

(1) The Spurlock Damron Family.

4. The Damrons of Pike County, Kentucky.

III. THE DESCENDANTS OF LAZARUS DAMRON IN WEST VIRGINIA, by Luther F. Damron of Havertown, Pa.

1. Moses Damron of Twelve Pole Creek, West Virginia.

2. Josiah Silas Marcum, by Luther F. Damron.

3. The Damerons of Wayne County, West Virginia.

(1) The Samuel Damron Family of Twelve Pole Creek in West Virginia.

4. The Damrons of Cabell County, West Virginia.

5. The Damrons in Louisa and Laurence Counties, Kentucky.

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THE DAMERON-DAMRON ANCESTRY

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, whose wife was Dorothy _____, brought over nine servants and received a land grant in Northumberland County, Virginia, in 1652. He probably came from the Dameron family of Suffolk County, England, but we do not know his English background. He may have been one of the Cavalier refugees who came over at that time to the Northern Neck which was a refuge for the royalists after King Charles I was beheaded in 1649 and a Commonwealth was established under Cromwell and the Puritans. His friends and neighbors on nearby plantations were chiefly Cavalier refugees such as the Lees, ancestors of Robert E. Lee, the Balls, of the family of George Washington's mother, Mary Ball, and others.

II. GEORGE DAMERON m. Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis. He inherited his father's plantation "Guarding Point" on Chesapeake Bay in Northumberland County,Va. which was kept by his descendants until 1849 when the old brick manor-house was torn down, which had been one of the fine houses of the county where Governor Berkeley hid while he was a refugee. George's children were Elizabeth, Col. Thomas, George and Lazarus. George died in 1698.

III. LAZARUS, the youngest son, had as guardian his uncle, Bartholomew Dameron. He m. Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Smith. He was the first to sell his ancestral acres and pioneer into frontier regions, as his descendants continued to do until the frontier was pushed to the Pacific ocean. In 1725 he deeded his land and went to Prince William and King George Counties and on to Albemarle County, Va. where he died in 1749. Albemarle was then a frontier and it became the cradle of Jeffersonian democracy, which was to become a fundamental American tradition after the Revolution. Part of this revolution which centered in Albemarle and in Patrick Henry's region nearby was against the established Church, a movement led by Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson of Albemarle. The Damerons appear to have been active in this tradition, for many of them became strong Baptists and Methodists, especially the families of the Revolutionary soldiers who pushed back the frontier. This movement in the South was similar to the Puritan Revolution in England 1642-1650, which established a Commonwealth until 1660, but the Restoration brought back part of the old regime. However, the Puritan churches still controlled New England, chiefly Congregational but also Presbyterian.

In 1749 Lazarus Dameron (often spelled Damrel or Damerel) had a land grant on the north side of theupper James River. In 1746 he and his sons John and George had surveys made at the same time. His children were:

1. GEORGE DAMERON who had a patent in Albemarle, 1748. His wife was Anne or Thone. His son Michael lived in Buckingham 1784, and had a son Dunmore. George's son, George, m. Susannah Thomas and died in Green County, Ky. inventory dated 1801. His descendants live now in Adair County and nearby. George, Jr. was in Morgan's Riflemen in Capt. Samuel Jorden Cabell's Company in 1777, which was the most famous unit of the Revolution due to its picked sharpshooters and picturesque attire which frightened the British as much as its marksmanship--they wore fringed buckskin shirts and carried a long knife and tomahawk in their belts, as well as their long hunting rifles in their hands. They fought at Trenton, were at Valley Forge and helped defeat Burgoyne. A new book by L.H. Sweeney called Amherst County, Virginia, in the Revolution, 1773-1782 tells the story of Morgan's Riflemen and names George Damron. The Damerons of the frontier have been famous since the Revolution for their hunting abilities and marksmanship, down to one who is still alive near Grand Canypn, where he was the most famous hunter and marksman of his time--Milton Moody.

2. RICHARD DAMERON died 1749, s. p. He had a land grant next to John Damron on Hardware River, Albemarle, 1748, but apparently never married.

3. HANNAH, heir to her brother Richard's land in his will.

4. WINEFRED, m. John Thomas, and had a son Charles.

5. JUDITH, m. Noble Ladd. Their daughter, Anne, m. Capt. John Damron b. 1757.

6. MOSES, who inherited his father's estate in his will in Albemarle Co., Va.

7. JOHN, died 1757, Albemarle County, Va. We do not know all his children but Charles was one, who sold John's grant in 1776 on Woodson's Creek. Charles was a Revolutionary soldier and was wounded on Brier Creek in Col. Elbert's Regiment. He served from 1779 to 1786 and moved in 1796 to Georgia in Columbia County and later Jackson County, having three children. He m. Mary May (Moise), May 19, 1789, in Richmond County, Ga.

IV. MOSES DAMERON, who inherited his father's land on Red Bank and Damron Creek, Albemarle Co., Va. 1749. We have no record of any sale of land by Moses. His plantation was near Scottsville, Va. and not far from the plantation which Peter Jefferson (father of Thomas) bought from Noble Ladd on the James River. We do not know the name of his wife nor are we sure of all of his children.

1. CAPT. JOHN DAMRON, is possibly a son of Moses, though we have no proof of it at this writing, and he could also be a son of John or George instead. He was b. 1757 and married first Anne Ladd and later a second wife, having twenty children. He died in Illinois his will being dated 1835 Franklin County, Ill. He joined up as a drummer in 1776 with Capt. Thomas Walker of the 9th Virginia raised in and near Albemarle Co., Va. He was taken prisoner at Germantown, at which time he must have been with Morgan's Riflemen as most of his company had been selected for this unit in1777. In 1778 he was with Capt. Henry Dudley's company in the 2d Virginia State Regiment. He was listed as "sick at Valley Forge," and left behind with five other men, but in 1778, Sept. 8, he joined up for another two years. In 1780 he was in Washington Co., Va. from which Russell was cut off in 1786. In 1791 he bought 170 acres on Clinch River, Russell Co., Va. from Vanhook, assignee of Moses Damron. In 1792 he was ensign of the county militia, in 1794 he was lieutenant of the 2d Battalion of the 72d militia; in 1801 he was captain in the 2d Battalion, 72d militia; in 1810 he was noted as having been Adjutant for the year 1805, in which year he probably left Russell and went west to Tennessee and Illinois. Some of his deseendants continued to move west till they became pioneers as cattlemen in the Imperial Valley, California, some of these being still alive in 1954, in California.

2. MOSES DAMRON. In 1786 Moses had the first deed recorded in Russell Co., Va. on Clinch River adjoining Henry Hamblin. In 1798 he was in Fleming Co., Ky. His wife was then named Sarah but in 1786 it had been Aggie. It is difficult to distinguish between the activities of Moses, Sr. and Jr. but in 1812 Moses Damron was deeded 100 acres on Shelby Creek, Floyd Co., Ky. by David Morgan. James and Richard were also on Shelby Creek. In 1819 Moses Damron, Senior, made an affidavit in Floyd County, Ky. so a Junior must also have been alive at that time. We do not know all his children. One was Moses, Jr.

(1) MOSES DAMRON m. Jennie Mullins in 1812 in Floyd Co., Ky. They took their children to Illinois in 1826, probably to join the family of Capt. John Damron, and both parents died on the way, leaving the young orphans to travel back alone--Moses, William, Solomon, Sarah who m. Thomas Owens, sheriff of Pike Co., Ky., Louisa and Elizabeth.

(2) Possibly JAMES DAMRON was another son, and JOSEPH DAMRON.

Moses, Lazarus, Richard and Capt. John were in Russell County, after the Revolution. No doubt they were all Indian scouts and Revolutionary soldiers, the land grants in Kentucky being given for Revolutionary services at that time. However, I have no record of the service of Richard or Moses Damron. Sarah Damron Adair's daughter said Moses and two brothers, Lazarus and Richard, settled on the Big Sandy river and that Moses "was a great Indian fighter, and was employed by the government as a scout and spy during the war with the Shawnees and Delawares. He performed great deeds of daring and bravery which were recognized by the government." Sarah Damron Owens and her husband migrated to Missouri and Oregon,1843.

After the Revolution, a picked group of veterans went to guard the frontier, "the dark and bloody ground" of Kentucky and the Virginia borders. The Damrons were among these and many of their friends migrated with them to the frontier and on into Kentucky and West Virginia and Illinois. In 1792 Col. Campbell proposed fifty men as rangers near Cumberland Gap, Va. at Hawkins, Browns,Wilkinsons, Robersons, Blackmore's station, Carters, Martins, Coxes, etc. Capt. Mathew Willoughby and Ensign Wm. Campbell were at Powell's Valley, also Moses Cockrell and Capt. Neal.

Among those who had fought at Kings' Mountain who went to the frontier in Washington and Russell Counties, Va. were Wm. Clark, James Robertson, Abraham Cox, Edward Cox, David Crockett, John Moore, Shardick Morris, Joseph and Isaac Wilson, John Carter, etc.

For example, Richard Bell, who served with Capt. John Damron in the Revolution was an Indian spy in Capt. Bowman's Va. troop, and lived in Harrison Co., W.Va. Another comrade, James Chisham went to Scott Co., Ky. James Lewis of the 9th Virginia was at Brandywine and Germantown and moved to Franklin Co., Tenn.

Probably Lazarus, Richard and Moses were in the 72d Militia commanded by Capt. John Damron on the frontier, if the records were checked with the Adjutant-General's office,Washington, D.C. to secure the details of service.

The proof of Moses'Revolutionary record could probably be found from the Treasury in Washington, as he had Treasury Warrant No. 11797, for land in Russell County, Va. on Stanton's (Staton's) Creek, with he withdrew in 1788 to make an entry on Butcher's Branch on Robertson's line. This Warrant would have been given by the government for Revolutionary service, unless it were for the frontier service only.

Lazarus Dameron withdrew his entry of fifty acres made in 1796 in Russell County, on both sides of Lewis's Creek including Cave Hollow, in 1797.

3. LAZARUS DAMRON or Dameron, the famous Indian scout and Revolutionary soldier, moved to Kentucky with Moses and Richard. His sons were Samuel, Moses and Lazarus of Wayne Co., W. Va. Moses lived on Twelve Pole Creek, and the other two in Ft. Gay, W.Va. He is also said to have had sons William and John Tom who went west, and daughters Jane, Paulina and one who m. Hager of Ky. Moses of Twelve Pole had George, Thomas (both went west), Elisha, William, David, Washington and Richard.

4. RICHARD DAMRON, who had a land grant on Shelby Creek, 1808, so must also have been a Revolutionary soldier. His children were:John who m. Nancy Branham in 1821, whose son Alex m. Polly Harris and had ch. Harvey, John Wesley, David, Cordelia Henson and Jake, whose son James lives at Ivel, Ky. Richard's son Richard, Jr. m. Elizabeth Prowdy, 1821. James and Joseph may have been other sons.

ADDITIONAL NOTES ON RUSSELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA

In 1956 Alice Mary Aiken and I went to Russell County, Virginia, as she had not copied down the Circuit Court Records previously, there being no Circuit court there until 1809. Wefound no Damrons in this court record, but found the following:

James Thompson vs. Thos. Welch, Sept. 25, 1809.

Charles Pennington, Sept. 25, 1809. (Henry Reynolds was here also.)

Rule vs. James Bostick, 1871, June Term. Matilda and Sally Ratliff to Russell & Buchanan.

Wm. Dorton on Jury, Apr. 15, 1811. Sally Roma acquitted of murder, after putting herself "upon God and the country." John Bery Apr. 17, 1811. Peter Randolph 1813. Richard Thompson 1814, Apr. 12. James McCoy 1814, Apr. 13. Alexander Montgomery Sept. 13, 1814. James Mullins Apr. 11, 1815. Richard Thompson Apr. 12, 1815. Shoemakers were here. Wm. Crumwell Sept. 14, 1815. (Many Cromwells here.)

I talked with H. F. Bausell, editor of Lebanon News, the county seat, who said there may be Damrons in Dickenson Co. and that J. K. Damron was in the county. I talked with the Sheriff who referred me to Chess Stapleton who runs a barber shop in Dante, as his sister was married to a Damron, and hereferred me to Emmett Damron of Nicklesville, Scott Co., Va. The Sheriff said there were Damrons near ickensonville, and that Ben Adams of Dickensonville knew the old families. Mable Dameron was listed as having paid the capitation tax 1955, and the Sheriff said she was in the Castlewood district. We did not look her up and couldnot find any Damrons of the early settlers of Russell Co. He said there was a Laurence Dameron of St. Paul's, Va. The Sheriff said there was a Dameron at Dickensonville, Russell Co., who moved back to Scott Co., where he came from. Stapleton said he knew no other Damrons but Emmett who lives near Nicklesville, 3 miles away, and was raised at Bolton--he married Stapleton's sister and lived on the Clinch River formerly. He said his father Moses was dead and a brother lived in Arkansas. Emmett's som lives at Dante, Va. named Paul. Nicklesville is about 20 miles from Lebanon and we went to see Emmett. We took the Dungannon road. At the market on the left before St. Paul's around the bend we took an intersection and turned left, then went 6 or 8 miles on a new road to the Scott County sign. Then down the hill to the main road, Dungannon road, to a little store and service station, where we took the right. A sign said to Dungannon. After 1 miles was an abrupt left and another service station and store, where we were told to inquire. At one small store an old man said his nephew was married to a Damron of an old settler's family but we did not have time to talk with him. This was near Dungannon somewhere on the way. We finally found Emmett who lived off the road a little behind a rise, opposite a spout spring on the road, near a Mitchell family. Emmett was about 40 years old, a farmer, very good looking and glad to see us. His brother also lived nearby. Emmett said his father was Moses Spurlock Damron who m. Laura Johnson. His grandfather was Solomon Seal Damron and his wife was a Coleman. Solomon lived in and around Elkhorn City, where his (Emmett's father's) brothers live, Joel, Will, Lawrence. Joel told him that the tradition was that three brothers came to Kentucky, and that he knew the history best. Joel mentioned a Lazarus. He said his sister Opal Smith, Castlewood, Va., Route 1, had Bible records. He said Lawrence Damron of Dante, Va. lived there from 1920 to 1927 and came from Castlewood. Emmett lives in Long Hollow.

Castlewood was the earliest region settled here and there was a fort nearby. The Clinch river goes past Dungannon. It is a broad stream in hilly country, with beautiful small farms and cattle grazing on the hills. Alice Mary Aiken said that Lazarus Damron lived somewhere around the Cleveland region but she did not look up his place as the mountain road was too difficult. Robinett's live on the place which she thought was John Damron's. This land could be traced back through the Robinetts.

We went from Kentucky through the Cumberland Gap, which is not very impressive, being only a hilly mountain now with a broad throughway going over it. Westayed in Gate City at a quiet tourist home on a hill and went on to Russell, Scott etc., after checking the Lee County records and finding an Eli Damral there 1835.

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Book 3, p. 82, Court Records: COMMONWEALTH, Plf. vs. HENRY FRALEY & MOSES DAMRON, DEFS. This day came the attorney for the Commonwealth and also the Jury, to-wit: William Hall, Thomas Stapleton Joseph Davis Thomas Person, George McCoy William Vickers Thomas Whiteley John Hall Zacharias Salliers William Salliviz William Manadue and Austin Bush who being elected tried and sworn well and truly to accept the fine and inquire of damages in this suit, upon their oath do accept the fine against Henry Fraley to 100 cents and the fine against Moses Damron to ten cents besides the costs therefore it is considered by the Court that the attorney for the defendants respectively the first aforesaid in form aforesaid accept'd and the costs in this behalf expended. September Court, 1800.

July Court, 1803. JOHN KEEN VS. MOSES DAMRON, Def. ATTACHMENT: Samuel Robinson undertaking for the Defendant in this Attachment that is in case he shall be cast he shall satisfy and pay the condemnation of the court or render his body to prison in execution thereof or that he the said Samuel Robinson will do it for him. The Constable returned that he has attached one sorrel horse, the property of the defendant which was restored to him by giving bond according to law with Abraham Musick and Joseph Smith Securities. The Plaintiff having proved his account judgment is granted him against the Defendant for 5 L. 1 sh. and expense and the costs in this behalf expended and it is ordered that he have execution by his securities and the Constable the amount of the judgment.

Book 3, p. 302, April Court, 1804. JOHN BROWN, PLAINTIFF VS. MOSES DAMRON, DEFENDANT. ATTACHMENT. Moses Fugat, Constable, having returned that he has executed this attachment in the hands of George McCoy and served him as garnishee who declares upon oath that he did execute a bond to the defendant for L 70 on the 27th day of October last, judgment is granted to Plaintiff for fifteen dollars and the costs by him in this behalf expended and it is ordered that so much of the said bond or debt due from the said garnishee as may be of value sufficient to satisfy the judgment be condemned for that purpose, giving, however, a preference to all prior legal claims.

Book 5, p.59. Dec. 7, 1813. A power of attorney from Reuben Smith to LAZARUS DAMRON was acknowledged in court by the said Reuben and ordered to be recorded.

Book 3, p. 302: April court, 1804. GEORGE BANJAY, PLAINTIFF VS. MOSES DAMRON, Defendant, ATTACHMENT: Moses Fugit Constable having returned that he has executed the attachment in the hands of George McCoy and summoned him as a garnishee who declares upon oath that he did execute a bond to the defendant for L 70 on the 27th day of October last, Judgment is granted the plaintiff foreighteen dollars and the costs by him in this behalf expended and it is ordered to the Defendant as shall be sufficient to satisfy this judgment be condemned for that purpose, giving however, preference to all prior legal claims.

Book 4, p.385: Feb. 1, 1811, JOHN PENNINGTON AND WIFE NANCY of Russell Co., etc.

Book 2, p. 116, 1793. DAMRON, GEO. JOHN ANDERSEN PET. AND SUMMONS, dismissed.

PLAINTIFF INDEX FOR DORTON: William, Sr. 1826, decd. appr. apptd. 8-209. 1786 William, reccommended for commission as captain 1.3. 1791 Wolf Bounty 1-222. 1793 Wolf bounty 2-91. 1825 William, heirs of vs. Jacob Dorton 8-74.

WEDDINGTON, David, Dec. 6, 1820, 6-351, New Garden from Wm. Roman & Nancy. Jacob Weddelton mar. 1805; from Williamson Benj. & L. 3-587, 18 ac. New Garden, Clinch River. Weddington, Jacob, Feb. 2, 1813, 4-548, 100 acres. 55 A Thompson's Creek from Browning,James and Jane. Jacob 1821-1818, from Elza Bowling 6-150.- Int. 220 Ac. New Garden, etc. (John Damron lived in New Garden.) Book 3,587--26 March, 1805, Ben.Williamson of Russell & Jacob Weddleton for 166.67 south Clinch River 18 ac. survey 4 July 1775.

ADDITIONAL NOTES ON RUSSELL COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Court Order Books checked at Lebanon, Va.:

Page 93, Book 1: Ordered 20th October, 1787, that LAZARUS DAMRON be fined according to law fornot attending as a witness in thissuit. James Osborn, Plaintiff against John Hammon English, defendant: IN CASE.

Page 7, Book 1: June 13th, 1786: A deed of Bargain and Saleof land from James Osbourn and Mary his wife to MOSES DAMRON was exhibited in court and ordered to be recorded.

Page 42, Book 1, June 19th, 1787: A deed of bargain and sale of land from MOSES DAMRON AND AGGY HIS WIFE to Laurence Vanhook Junior acknowledged in court and ordered to be recorded.

Book 3, p. 104: An Indenture of bargain and sale of land from Nathan Watson to Charles Bickley & JOHN DAMRON was again produced in court and proven by the oath of Henry Dickenson & Ordered to be Recorded. January court, 1801.

Page 17, Book 3: An Indenture of bargain and sale of land from Nathan Watson to Charles Bickley AND JOHN DAMRON was produced in Court and proven by the Oaths of Robert Duff and Thomas Johnson two of the witnesses thereto and continued for further proof. August Court, 1799.

Page 3, Book 2, Court Orders: "A deed of Bargain and Sale of of land from Laurence VanHook and Rachel his wife to JOHN DAMRON and the others to Zachariah Jones was acknowledged in court & ordered to be recorded." June Court, 1792.

August Court 1795. Deed from George Hatfield and Sarah his wife to LAZARUS DAMRON was exhibited in court the probate certified by the clerk, on motion of Henry Dickenson license is granted him for keeping tavern at his house, he entering into bond with JOHN DAMRON his security conditioned as the law directs.

Book 2, p. 274: John Anderson vs. MOSES DAMRON, p. S. Judgment granted for plaintiff for 5" '.). WITH LEGAL INTEREST thereon from the 6th of August, 1795. March court, 1796. After giving a credit of 7/ past Jan. 30, 1795 and also the costs by him in this behalf expended.

October Court 1793, P. 116, Book 2: John Anderson vs. MOSES DAMRON, P. S. dismissed. Same vs. GEORGE DAMRON dismissed.

Book 2, Page 340: February Court 1797: John Breeding to MOSES DAMRON was exhibited in court and proved by the oaths of Alden Williamson and George McCoy, subscribers witnesses thereto and continued for further proof.

Book 2, p. 390. August Court, 1797: Honaker vs. DAMRON. A Commission is awarded the Plaintiff to take the deposition of Alden Williamson. On the jury p. 279 of this case were LAZARUS DAMRON, JOHN DAMRON, JOHN WOOD, WILLIAM SMITH.

P. 390, August Court, 1797, the will of JOHN ENGLISH was proved.

P. 280, Book 2: June Court, 1796. JOHN DAMRON, John Buster, John Wood andWilliam Smith, who being sworn a grand jury inquest for the body of this county and having received their charge retired from the barr to consult their presentments after some time returned into court and represented as follows: (Did not copy a long item here.)

Book 2, December Court, 1797, p. 426: Craigs, Extrs. vs. MOSES DAMRON, Defendant, Petition and Summons. Judgment is granted the plaintiff for L 3.10 6 p. and costs.

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THE DAMERONS OF KENTUCKY AND WEST VIRGINIA

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, 1st generation, had a grant in Northumberland Co., Va. 1652.
II. GEORGE, his son, m. Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis, and inherited an estate.
III. LAZARUS m. Elizabeth, dau. of Richard Smith. He died Albemarle Co., Va. 1749. His children were Richard d. 1749, unm., George of Albemarle and Buckingham Cos., Va., John, Winefred m. John Thomas, Judith m. Noble Ladd (their daughter Anne Ladd m. Capt. John Damron b. 1757), Moses of Albemarle. Lazarus left Northumberland and became one of the earliest settlers of Albemarle County, which was not formed until 1744 from Goochland. There were only 66 patents taken by 1735 inthis area. The earliest record we have of Lazarus is a deed for an exchange of land with John Cannon 1736, for 150 acres on the north side of the James River in what is now Albemarle County. Miss Aiken found this and noted: "Lazarus was there nine years before the establishment of Albemarle. His neighbor was Edward Scott and it was not far from the old courthouse. There is no record in Goochland of the land Lazarus traded to Cannon. This record may be in some other couty." The Ladds were in Goochland even earlier: Noble and Amos 1732, John 1733 and Constantine 1733.

GOOCHLAND COUNTY, VA. CANNON TO DAMERON, Book 2, p. 240, DEEDS, 1736:
This Indenture made the 20th day of July in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Six between JOHN CANNON of the County of Goochland of one part and LAZARES DAMERON of the same County of the other part Witnesseth that the said John Cannon for and in consideration of an exchange of land hath granted unto Lazares Dameron One Hundred and Fifty Acres of land lying and being in the County of Goochland on the North side of the Fluvanna River and bounded as followeth (to wit) Beginning at White Oak Edward Scotts corner by the River running thence up the river according to its meanders two hundred and sixty eight poles to a Hiccory thence on a new Line North Seventy degrees East Eighty Eight poles to a Hiccory on the South side a Run South twenty two degrees East two Hundred and Sixty eight poles to a Spanish Oak in Edward Scotts line thence on Edward Scott south seventy degrees west ninety one poles to the first station for the quantity of one hundred and fifty acres of land and all the Essets Right Title Interest Trust Property Claim and Demand whatsoever of the said John Cannon of and in to the premises the Reversion and Reversions Remaindor and Remaindors yearly and other profits of the premises TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Hundred and Fifty acres of land and all and Singular the premises with the appurtenances unto the said Lazares Dameron and his Heirs and assigns forever and the same John Cannon doth covenant with the said Lazares Dameron that the said Cannon and his heirs hath made the above mentioned exchange of land and premises unto the said Dameron and his heirs and assigns shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents in witness whereof the said John Cannon hath hereunto put his hand and seal the day and year above written. JOHN CANNON.

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of ROBERT HUGHES JOHN THOMPSON JOHN WEBB.

Memorandum on the day ____ of ____ one thousand seven hundred and thirty six Livery and Seizin of the within Exchange of Land according to Law by the within named John Cannon to the within named Lazares Dameron and his heirs forever. JOHN CANNON. In presence of ROBERT HUGHES, JOHN THOMPSON, JOHN WEBB.

"At a court held for Goochland County, July 20, 1736, John Cannon acknowledged this deed with the Libery of Seizin endorsed to be his act and deed and it was thereupon admitted to record. Test HENRY WOOD C.C."

I found in the Court Order Books, Russell County, Va. the following:
1792 JOHN DAMRON, Def. --Vanhook Laurence and Rachel, proof of deed, Book2,p.2.
1793, October Court, P. 116, Book 2, John Andersen vs. MOSES DAMRON P. S. dismissed. Same vs. GEORGE DAMRON P. S. dismissed. The index gives this item as: 1793--DAMRON, GEO. John Andersen, Petition and Summons, dismissed 2-116. This must be the George of Morgan's Riflemen who died in Green County, Ky. about 1801.

With George Damron in Morgan's Riflemen were William Johnson, William Moore, John Welch and Daniel Dameron. There are many Kentucky families whose ancestry can be traced by checking the records in the Dameron genealogy. For example in the Albemarle land patents you will find John Carter, Thomas Jones, David Lewis, Jonathan Clark, Joseph Smth, Charles Lewis, Thomas Carr, Roger Thom pson, Michael Thomas, Jr., James Coleman, Joseph Martin, James Lee, William Rice, Mary Patterson, Arthur Hopkins, etc. I think Branham may have been originally the same as Brandom. John Brandom was in Capt. Dudley's company with John Damron--he came from Halifax Co., Va. 1785. Hardings and Hardins are the same family--from Northumberland Co., Va. Ratliffs were in Washington and Russell Cos. with the Damerons. Spurlocks lived in Albemarle Co., Va. Levi Coleman was with John Dameron in the Revolution, p. 13. Thomas Mitchell was on the pay bill with Henry Johnson, Hudson Martin etc. in 1776 with my ancestor John Damron. Marcum was there also. Josiah Marcum was b. 1759 Chesterfield Co., Va. enlisted Bedford Co., Va. and resided in Lawrence Co., Ky. after the Revolution. See p. 13-C of this book. He enlisted 1780 and was a drummer boy for 18 months and private. He was at the battles of Camden and Guilford. His son Stephen was alive 1833. Josiah Marcum (Markham) was in Washington Co., Va. with the Damerons. Hatfields and McCoys were in Russell Co., Val. with the Damrons. If you trace one family, it helps to trace others, as these frontier people moved in groups of neighbors, friends and relatives. Mitchells were related to Abraham Lincoln. His grandmother, Lucy Hanks, had a sister Sarah Shipley who married Robert Mitchell. She was killed going to Kentucky and her husband died trying to find his daughter who was captured. The sons were scattered. One named Daniel was in Washington Co., Ky. Lucy Shipley Hanks had another sister Rachel who m. Richard Berry. The Berrys and Shipleys and Hanks went to Kentucky.

Moses inherited his father's home place on Red Bank and Damron Creek in Albemarle County, Va. in 1749, which is near Scottsville, Va. Who were his children? No daughters have been found but the following are believed to be his:

1. Perhaps John Damron, Revolutionary soldier who m. Anne Ladd, and d. Illinois about 1835. He was born 1757 and joined the 9th Virginia Regiment recruited in Albemarle Co., Va. He was a drummer boy 1776. In 1780 he was witness to the will of William Dorton in Washington Co., Va. (Russell was cut off 1786). In 1791 he bought 170 acres on Clinch River from Vanhook, assignee of Moses Damron and Aggy his wife. In 1801 he was captain of the 72d Militia regiment. In 1805 John Damron sold 140 acres to James Osborne. He left about this time but we do not know where he went. He had twenty children but so far we have found only 3 of them, who have living descendants. He had sons named Joseph, William, Solomon, Moses etc.

2. Lazarus Damron, a famous Indian scout, and Revolutionary soldier. Gwathmey in his book on King's Mountain says Lazarus Dameron was with James Fraley who "served under Col. Wm. Campbell and Capt. Snody."Campbell went to Kings Mt. "Lazarus Dameron enlisted the second time when Fraley did and they served together as comrades." He was an Indian spy with Fraley: "Lazarus Dameron who enlisted April 1780 for one year in Washington Co. under Col. Campbell and Capt. Snody." Many of the Kings Mountain men guarded the Cumberland Gap frontier after the Revolution. George Damron, cousin of Lazarus, was also at King's Mountain. Lazarus was in Russell Co., Va. 1787, and Moses in 1786. Lazarus Dameron withdrew his entry of fifty acres made in 1796 in Russell County, in 1797--it was on both sides of Lewis's Creek, including Cave Hollow. Lazarus was in Kentucky near Boldman by 1804, where the first building was called Damron's Fort. Irene McIntosh, a genealogist, of Prestonburg, Ky., niece of Henry P. Scalf, editor Floyd County Times, has information on Lazarus Dameron who was with the Fraleys. According to Luther F. Damron of W. Va. Lazarus Dameron came toKentucky with six sons,three of whom moved to We. Va. named Samuel, Moses and George. Who were the other three? James was one, of Suckey's Creek on Shelby Creek, Ky. He m. Polly Adkins 1836. Before 1816 there were also in Pike County a Joseph, a Solomon King Dameron, a Lazarus, a younger Moses, and Richard Damron.

We find that Moses bought land on Twelve Pole Creek 1828, Cabell Co., W. Va. (Wayne was formed from Cabell). The same year, 1828, George bought land on Twelve Pole Creek, and Samuel bought land on Twelve Pole in 1830. Moses married Polly Preston 1811 in Floyd Co., Ky., and his sons were Samuel, Lazarus, John, and possibly others, bythe first wife, and George, Thomas, Elisha, William, David, Wash. and Richard by Rhoda Sadler.

3. Moses Dameron, a son of the Moses of Albemarle County, Va. Moses Dameron had the first deed recorded in Russell Co., Va. on Clinch River adjoining Henry Hamblin. This was 1786. Moses had Treasury Warrant No. 11797 for land in Russell County, Va. on Stantonbs Creek, which he withdrew in 1788 to make an entry on Butcher's Branch on Robertson's line. This must have been for service in the Revolution and the Land Office in Richmond would have a record of it. The Savage Grant around the Big Sandy river was also given for Revolutionary service and the Damrons there may have received grants for this reason.

In 1800 the Commonwealth of Va. had a case vs. Henry Fraley and Moses Dameron. In 1803 and 1804 Moses had cases against him for debt, but he may not have been present. In 1798 Moses Damron, Junior, was in Fleming County, Ky., wife Sarah, from which place he gave a deed to John Tallet for 200 acres on Clinch River, the same he had bought from John Breedon (Breeding) in 1796. Moses seems to have lived near Capt. John Damron, while Lazarus was quite a distance from them near Cleveland, Va. In 1815 the Sheriff sold Moses' land in Russell County for taxes, 500 acres for $6.64 1/4, which was "returned as delinquient for the year 1789 & 1799." It is hard to unscramble these Moses, but the one with a wife Aggie in 1796 is the same with a wife Sarah in Fleming Co., shown by the deeds, as I figure it. In 1812 Moses Damron was deeded 100 acres on Shelby Creek, Floyd Co., Ky. by David Morgan. In 1819 Moses Damron, SENIOR, made an affidavit in Floyd Co. so a Junior must also have been alive at that time. However, in those days Junior was used for a child who may not have been the son of the Senior of the same name. There is no doubt, however, that we can identify one son, though I believe Sarah Damron Adair has confused the older Moses with the younger one, her own ancestor.

(1) MOSES DAMRON, the younger, m. Jennie Mullins in 1812 in Floyd Co., Ky. They had six children--Moses, Sarah who m. Thomas Owens, sheriff of Pike Co., Ky., William, Solomon, Louisa and Elizabeth. In 1826 the parents went to Illinois but decided to return two years later and died on the way back, leaving the orphansto make their way. In an Oregon History 1900, p. 65, Dr. Owens-Adair wrote that Moses immigranted "to Kentucky, with two brothers, Lazarus and Richard, and settled on the Big Sandy River. Mr. Damron was a great Indian fighter, and was employed by the government as a scout and spy during the war with the Shawness and Delawares...the government presented him with a splendid rifle valued at that time at $200.00." Moses was 12 and Sarah 10 when they took the orphans back to Kentucky and Moses was crippled for life when the wagon wheel crushed his foot when he put it underneath to keep the wheel from slipping. It made "him a cripple and finally causing his death...After they reached home, they were divided among their relatives. Sarah went to live with her maternal grandmother who was then 80 years of age. After her grandmother's death, Sarah went to live with an uncle and aunt... Her only sorrow was her separation from her brothers and sisters. The nearest was 30 miles away--a few times she walked all that way to visit with them. When she was sixteen she met and married Thomas Owens...In the spring of 1843 they moved to...Missouri and joined the immigrants that were going to Oregon...Finally they settled in Clatsop Co., Oregon." Dr. Bethenia Angeline Owens Adair, daughter of Sarah Damron Owens was "quite a legendary character around Oregon. There were pages and pages written on her." In Seaside, Oregon, some descendants live: F.C. Fulton, 235 Beach Drive, George N. Hill, 111 Park; V. E. Hill, 241 Beach Drive; John Adair Highway 101; Mrs. W. H. Hobson, 921 So. Prom.

JAMES DAMRON OF SHELBY CREEK, KENTUCKY

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who had a land grant in Northumberland Co., Va. 1652.
II. GEORGE, m. Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis, and inherited his father's land.
III. LAZARUS m. Elizabeth, dau. of Richard Smith. He d. Albemarle Co., Va. 1749.
IV. LAZARUS DAMRON, of Russell Co., Va. and Kentucky, Indian scout and Revolutionary soldier. He came to Kentucky with six sons, three of whom moved to W. Va. He was one of the earliest settlers near Boldman, Ky. where the fort was called Damron's Fort.

V. JAMES DAMRON, one of the six sons of Lazarus above, is listed in Pike County, Kentucky, Marriage Records as marrying Polly Adkins 1836. His grandson, Robert, who lives on Suckey's Creek, Shelby Creek, Ky., said that James married Polly Adkins and lived nearby on Suckey's Creek. He said the father of James came from Virginia and that James had no brothers and sisters. However, Robert's sister told Miss Aiken that James had a brother named Bill. James died in his 80's, Robert told us.

In 1816 Moses Damron deeded to James Damron 100 acres on Shelby Creek. In 1817 James Damron deeded 100 acres on Shelby Creek to John Mullins. In 1821 James Damron bought 650 acres on Shelby Creek from Thomas Price, and also a good deal of other land from time to time.

Pike County Court Order Books, Ky. has the following items:
1824, p. 107, March Term: Road viewed from Moses Damron's old place to the seat of Justice at Elijah Adkins.
1824, May Term, JAMES DAMRON, Surveyor, to survey road fromJames Damron to the road at David Polley's.
1822 Richard Damron, security, p. 2.

Will Book B, p. 128. WILL OF JAMES DAMRON, probated 24 Nov. 1879, on oath of Hibbard Williamson and James M. York, furniture to wife Elizabeth, land to James and John Damron, my grandsons and sons of M. D. (or M. O. it is not readable) Damron, my son.

Fiscal Court Order Book Has: M. D. Damron p. 59, James 149, James, settlement, 290-295; Robert, official of E. 324. Index to Estates, Pike Co. has: James M. Est., Emma Damron, administrator. J. C. Damron est., Roxie Adm., also Fred Damron, James Damron, administrator, Robert, Jr., Martha Ann, minors, Hattie K. Damron, admx.

vi. MOSES DEE DAMRON, sixth generation, born 1836, had only one sister named Huldy who married Louis Sturgell, according to his son Robert. His children were:

1. James, eldest.
2. Robert of Shelby Creek, born 1886, married Artie Sturgell.
3. John, deceased in 1956.
4. Jerome. (The records show that Jerome m. Bird D. Brewer, 1897, Pike Co.)
5. Myrtle, m. D. T. Keel, res. Scott Avenue, Pikeville, who has an old Bible. Mrs. Walter Hatcher, her niece, daughter of Mrs. Whitman, has some genealogy.
6. Gertrude, who married Adam Damron, brother of Rev. John A. Damron. Claire is one of their children. Adam's father was Robert and his mother Rebecca Damron, daughter of Spurlock Damron and granddaughter of Richard Damron of Shelby Creek. Robert was the son of Abraham Damron and Sarah Branham who were m. 1835.
7. Lou Damron, m. George Pinson, res. 261 Scott Ave., Pikeville, Ky.
8. Elizabeth, Mrs. Whitman, res. College St., Pikeville, Ky.
9. Molly Damron.

JAMES DAMRON OF FLOYD AND PIKE COUNTIES, KY.

FLOYD COUNTY, KY. DEEDS: Moses Damron to James Damron, July 6, 1816, 100 acres on Shelby Creek, Book a, p. 350. James Damron to John Mullins, Jan. 1, 1817, 100 acres on Shelby Creek. Richard Damron to James Damron, assignment, Feb. 26, 1816. James Damron to James G. Hatcher, Aug. 9, 1830, 50 acres on Mud Creek. James Damron from Moses Damron, July 6, 1816 (same as above in Grantor index.) James Damron from David Morgan Est.Coms. 1817, 100 acres, Shelby Creek. James Damron from John Graham, 1818, 25 Acres Shelby Creek. James Damron from Tilpollard May, 1830, 50 acres, Mud Creek.

PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, PIKEVILLE, KY. DEEDS: James Damron Grantee, from Thomas Price, Dec. 9, 1821, Book A, 22, 650 acres on Shelby Creek.

James Damron Grantee, from Bradley Elsmeck, Sept. 17, 1823, A, 66, 100 acres on Shelby Creek.

James Damron, Grantee, from Reuben May Jul.12, 1829, A, 64.

James Damron, Grantee, from John Branham, May 23, 1831, A, 191, Levisa Fork.

James Damron, " from William Adkins, Jul., 20, 1831, A, 1, 193, 2 Tracts, 20 acres, Hurricane Creek.

James Damron, Grantee, from Pikeville Town by Tr. Aug. 6, 1832, 100 Acres.

James Damron from Pikeville Town by Tr. Aug. 6, 1832, A, 249, 50 AcresElkham Cr.

James Damron, Grantee, from Arnold Perry,Jr. Dec. 3, 1832, 50 A. Cedar Creek.

James Damron from Arnold Perry, r. Dec. 3, 1832, 50 A, Cedar Cr. A1, 331.

James Damron from Daniel Ramsey al. Dec. 25,1834, 50 ac. Hurricane Cr. A1,428.

James Damron Estate, Grantee, Elizabeth Damron, release, Nov. 26, 1879, Release of dower, B1, 16.

James Damron, Est. Lewis Trout, Apr. 10, 1839, B,57, 15 Acres, Hurricane Cr.

James Damron, Grantee, from Thomas May al, Comrs. D. 1839, 50 A. Hurricane Cr.

Betsy Damron, Grantee, from John Johnson, May 28, 1841, 25 Ac. Caney Cr.

Lazarus Damron,Grantee, from James Damron & wf. Oct. 4, 1842,75 Ac. Hurricane Cr.

James Damron, from James Roberts, Jr. Mar. 25, 1844, 20 Ac. Shelby Cr. B,340

James Damron from John Mullins & wf. Mar. 8,1844, 2 trs.Shelby Cr. B, 346.

PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, DEEDS, Grantor index:

James Damron, Grantor, to Reuben May Jul. 20, 1822, 400 Ac. Shelby Crk. A.10.

James Damron, " to John Mullins, July 23, 1825, 50 Ac. Shelby Cr. A, 148.

James Damron " to Isham Mullins, Apr. 16,1825, 50 Ac. Beefhide Cr. A, 162.

James Damron " to John Mullins, Feb. 27, 1838, 150 Ac. Shelby Cr. A,317.

James Damron " to Thomas May, July 30, 1829, 100 Ac. Shelby Cr., A1,61.

James Damron " to William H. Mullins, July 25, 1831, 50 Ac. Shelby Cr. A1,178.

James Damron " to Daniel Ramsey, Feb. 23, 1832, Tract, Shelby Cr.,A1,194.

James Damron " to William Adkins,May 11, 1832, 200 A. Shelby Cr. A1,208.

James Damron " to James Swinney, Nov. 26, 1832, 50 Ac. Marrowbone Cr. A1,257.

James Damron " to Christian Trout, Jan. 20, 1833, 40 Ac. Hurricane Cr. A1,272.

James Damron " to Aaron Harless, Jan. 28, 1833, Tract, Marrowbone Cr. A1,266.

James Damron " to John Sword, Oct. 18, 1835, 2 tracts Cedar Cr. A1,424.

James & Polly Damron, to Lazarus Damron, Oct. 4, 1842, 75 Ac. Hurricane Cr.

James Damron to William Keathley al, Sept. 20, 1842, 50 Ac. Hurricane Cr. B,270.

Elizabeth Damron, Grantor, to James Damron, Est. Release of Dower, Mr. 26,1879, Book 1, p. 16.

James Damron to William Johnson, Aug. 1, 1846, 100 Ac. Shelby Cr. C, 113.

James Damron to Elizah Smallwood, Jul. 4, 1849, 50 Ac. Dorton Cr., C, 271.

James and Mary (Nancy crossed out) Damron, to William Weddington, Oct. 11, 1850, 2 tracts, Floyd & Pike, C, 382.

PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, WILLS:, Book B, p. 128: "To wife Elizabeth all personal property and house and lands, to James Damron and John Damron my grandsons and sons of M.C. Damron, my son, to be equally divided between them. My land that I don't sell or expose of in my lifetime I desire that Executors shall sell the same at the best price he can & apply the same to my debts. I appoint James M. York my executor. JAMES (X) DAMRON, 1879, probated 1880, Wit. Hibbard Williamson, James M. York.

PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ORDER BOOKS, INDEX:

James Damron, apt. Supt. Shelby Creek Road, 1823, Book a, p. 43, B1,282,398.
James Damron, Inventory, 1823, A, p.106.
James Damron, apt. Surveyor of Public Road, 1824, Book A, p. 122, 133,180, B,242.
Betsy, al, Damron, Subpoena issued, 1828, A, 174.
Elizabeth Damron, Execution of Bond, 1828, A1, 256.
Betsy Damron, indulged to next court, 1828, A1, 257.
James Damron, al, indulged to next court, 1822, B, 91, 310; B1,43,288,313; C,20.
Elizabeth Damron, apt. Guardian for, 1833, B, 113.
James Damron, al. Subpoena Issued for, 1837, B, 276.
James Damron, Apt. Supt. of Public Road, 1837, B, 282, 505.
James Damron, Apt. Guardian, 1840, B, 404,31, B1,625, E, 65.
James and John Damron, apt. appraisers, 1847, B1, p 233.
James Damron, Recommendation, 1848, B1, 278.
James Damron, Commissioned Justice of the Peace, 1848, B1, 288.
James Damron--Thomas May, 1848, B1, p. 294,397.
James Damron, Claim Allowed, 1848, B1, 318,383,501; C, 11,44,104; D. 301, E.266.
James Damron, Apt. Commissioner, 1848, B1, 324,480.
James Damron, Comrs. Report Filed, 1849, B1, 337.
James and Richard Damron, Claim Allowed, Shelby Cr. Oct. 1850, B1, p. 440.
James Damron, Viewers Report, Public Road, 1854, C, 113.
James Damron, Land Warrant, 1854, C, p. 162, D, 145; E. 61, 434.

PIKE COUNTY, KY. DEEDS, Grantee index: James Damron, Grantee, to Spurlock Damron, Mar. 28, 1857, 200 acres Hurricane Creek, D, 357.

PIKE COUNTY, KY. MARRIAGES: 1836, James Damron m. Polly Adkins.

PIKE COUNTY,KY. LAW ORDERS, Book BA, p. 43, February Court, 1823: "A report of a road as _____ and marked from Sucky Branch on Shelby's Creek to the ford of the river above Thomas Witters is received by the Court and James Damron is appointed superintendent of the opening of the same and he called Meriman Magee,William Mullins and William Little, Surveyors, and their hands to assist him to open the same according to law."

Book a, p. 106: "James Damron purchases five tin cups and three gandas at inventory sale of Isaac Little Estate."

PIKE COUNTY, KY. DEEDS, PRICE TO DAMRON: "This Indenture made and entered into this 9th day of December in the year of our Lord 1821 of Floyd Co., and State of Kentucky and JAMES DAMRON of the county and state of the other part, Witnesseth, that the said Thomas Price on his part hath this day for and in consideration of the sum of six hundred and fifty dollars of good and lawful money of Kentucky to him in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath bargained sold and delivered unto the said JAMES DAMRON a certain tract of land situate lying and being in Floyd County and State of Kentucky on Shelby's Creek a branch of Sandy River and bounded asfollows to wit beginning on David Branham's conditional line and Madison's line of 1000 acre survey of which this is a part thence with several lines of said survey to Cowcumber marked on orrear the line of said survey thence to a beech marked near the Creek thence on the same course a straight line near so as to strike a conditional line made by Cole and Madison and with the said conditinnal line to a white oak corner of said conditional or near the line of said 1000 acre survey and with the lines of the same to said Branhams conditional line to the first of Madisons containing 650 acres be the same more or less..." Signed THOMAS PRICE, Witnesses David Branham, Moses Damron. Certified Apr. 9, 1822, and proved by Mariman McGee, David Branham, Moses Damron, witnesses. SPENCER ADKINS,CC.

THE DAMERONS OF FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY

The Marriage records of Floyd Co., Ky. at Prestonburg, Ky. show the following:

Moses Dameron and Polly Preston 28th Mar. 1811, minister, R. Haws. 1,15,304.
Joseph " Elizabeth Dyck, Dec. 1815 " " 1,52,307.
Richard " Rody Fitzgerrall, June 6th, 1816. 1,59,310.
Lazarus " Polly Mullins, 15th Feb. 1821, James Roberts, Minister. 1,151,661.
John " Nancy Branham, Jan. 25, 1821, James Roberts, minister. 1,151,663.
Richard " _____ name not given but was later found to be Elizabeth Prowdy
"This is to certify the copple are joined together according to the rights and services of the church to which I belong to, given under my hand this 26th of August, 1821, Leineer Justice." 1,161,662.
Moses Damron and Nancy Justice, July 26, 1838. 1,161,957.
Samuel " Louise Coburne, Jan. 26, 1843. 1,161,1256.
1857 Solomon K. Damron, 1,161,1768.
1878 Ezekial " " 3178
1885 Jacob " 6,195,3746.
1887 William, " 7,41,3906.
1897 Allan " 8,429,4917.
1903 Spurl Damron 8,429,5785 (Spurlock?)
1903 Don " " 5786
1904 James " " 5887

The Deeds at Floyd Co., Ky. show the following:

Moses Damron to James Damron, July 6,1816, 350 a. 100 a. Shelby Cr., Book a,350.
Richard Damron to Meriday Collins May 18, 1816, 50 a, Shelby Cr. A, 342.
Moses Damron to Thomas Kelley, Dec. 13, 1815, A, 275; 50 acres Shelby Creek.
Moses Damron to John Mullins, Jun. 8, 1815, A, p 222, 50 acres Caney Creek.
Richard Damron to Moses Damron, Feb. 1, 1815, A, 221, 200 a. Shelby Creek.
Richard " to Daniel Branham, Dec. 22, 1814, A, 195, 75 ac. on Shelby Cr.
Richard " " David Branham, Dec. 22, 1814, A, 194, 25 acres, Shelby Creek.
Richard " Abraham Beavers, Nov. 2, 1814, A,192, 100 Acres on Sandy River.
Richard " John Hackworth Feb. 1, 1817, A, 404, 20 acres, Sandy River.
James Damron to John Mullins, Jan. 1, 1817, A, 401, 100 acres Shelby Creek.
Richard " John Hackworth, Feb. 1, 1817, A, 404, 200 a. on Sandy River.
Richard " John Shockey, Feb. 10, 1817, A, 415, 150 acres Stone Coal Cr.
Moses " Richard Damron, Asgmt. Jan. 16, 1815, A, 422.
Richard " James Damron, Asgmt. Feb. 26, 1816, A, 422.
Moses " affidavit, Feb. 15, 1819, B, 103.
Richard " Henry Weddington, Jan. 22, 1820, B, 123, 70 acres on Mossy Bottom.
" " John Branham, Feb. 16, 1820, B, 169, 70 acres, Sandy River.
" " Curmilus Estep, Feb. 16, 1820, B, 159, 63 acres, Sandy River.
" " Affidavit, Aug. 21, 1820, B, 155, aff. of purchase.
James Damron, to James G. Hatcher, Aug. 9, 1830, C, 210; 50 acres, Mud Creek.
Martha and Solomon K. Damron, to Joseph M. Davidson, Aug. 18, 1868, 100 a. Daniels Cr. Book H, p. 325.
Martha A. and Solomon K. Damron, to James H. Hatcher, Dec. 21, 1868, 258 ac. Sandy River, Book H, p. 402.
Mary A. and Samuel Damron to George W. Layne, Mar. 5, 1889, book O, p. 72, A tract.
Ezekial and Vela Damron to J.D. Mayo al, Dec. 13, 1890, A Tract, P, 423.

(Note by A.A. There are 9 pg. and did not copy all. Shelby Creek is all in Pike Co. today. Big Sandy Creek is in both Floyd and Pike Counties, also Lawrence Co. Pike Co. was taken from Floyd Co. Following are 7 pages; did not copy all.)

Richard Damron, Grantee, from John Graham Aug. 12, 1814,1283 acres Sandy R.,A,179.
Moses Damron from Richard Damron, Feb. 1, 1815, 200 a. on Shelby Cr. A, 221.
Moses Damron from John Graham, Nov. 25, 1815, A, 251, 100 a. Trace Fork.
James Damron from Moses Damron, July 6, 1816, 100 Acres, Shelby Cr., A, 350.
Richard Damron from Moses Damron, Asgmt. Jan. 16, 1815, A, 422.

DEEDS, FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY:

James Damron from Richard Damron, Asgmt. Feb. 26, 1816, A, p. 422.
Moses " " David Morgan, Feb. 2, 1812, A, 422, 100 acres, Shelby Creek.
James " " David Morgan Est. Coms. D. May 18, 1817, A, 439, 100 Ac. Shelby.
James " " John Graham, Nov. 6, 1818, 60 acres, Shelby Cr. A, 556.
Moses " " John Graham, Nov. 6, 1818, 25 Acres, Shelby Cr. A, 556.
Richard " " Jarrett Morgan, Asgmt. Apr. 15, 1819, Title Bond, B, 104.
" " " David Morgan, Est. al. Mar. 1, 1820, B, 113, Shelby Cr.
Moses, Sr. " " William Morgan, Feb. 9, 1822, by Deed Gdn. 120 A. Shelby Cr.
Al, James Damron from Tilpollard May, May 15, 1830, 50 acres, Mud Creek, C, 209.
Al, Martha A. Damron from Edwin Trimble al. Nov. 29, 1852, Sandy R. F, 174.
Right Damron from Tandy M. Layne and wf. Oct. 2, 1899, one Acre, Big Sandy R.
Al, Evaline Damron from Matt Kidd and wf. May 16, 1906, Little Mud Cr. B. 17,494.

FLOYD CO., KY. LAW ORDERS, index, two pages:

Richard Damron: John May, 1809; bond security, 1813; Magie Merriman, 1813; Thomas Evans, 1814; est. Division of land, 1815; Nancy McGuire, 1816; William Morgan, est. 1819; indulged to next court, 1819; appt. surveyor, 1820.

Moses Damron : attachment for contempt, 1818; taxable property list, 1819; affidavit to be filed, 1819.

Martha Ann, apt. of Guar. for, 1851; Lazarus, executed bond as justice 1871; Ezekiel, ex. of bond, 1879; Ezekiel, resig. as constable, 1879; Samuel, exonerated, 1879; William, apt. of Guar. for., 1887; Rosa M., est. Probation of will, 1888.

CIRCUIT COURT INDEX, FLOYD CO., KY:

Samuel Damron, Plf. and Richard P. Robertson, Def. B, 128,174,176,206. Year 1820.

FLOYD COUNTY, KY. LAW ORDERS:

Sept. Court, 1818, p. 45, book 3: "AN ATTACHMENT for contempt is ordered against Thos. Kelly & Moses Damron, Senr. for not obeying a Spa. to attend this court & bail in the sum of $100 each to be endorsed on said attachment."

Feb. Court, 1819, B. 3, 64: Moses Damron 1 tithe, 30 acres, 2nd rate land at $150 plus horse at 40 dollars.

Feb. Court, 1819, Book 3, p. 66: Moses Damron, Senr. came into court and made oath to and subscribed his affidavit respecting the title bond, David Morgan executed to Isham Hall Senr. and James Morgan which is ordred to be filed.

June Court, 18 71, Book 11, p. 380: LAZARUS DAMRON this day appeared in Open Court and introduced a certificate of showing his election to the office of Justice of the Peace of Floyd Co., in District No. 7 and also introduced a commission from His Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky investing him with full power and authority to execute and discharge the duties of said office thereupon said LAZARUS DAMRON took the oath of office thereunder as required by law and executed the Bond conditioned as the law directs, which bond is in words and figures as follows, viz. We, LAZARUS DAMRON, as Justice of the Peace of Floyd County in Districtinscribed and James P. Harris, P. H. Weddington, A.L. Martin, G. M. Witten, his securities do hereby covenant and agree with said Lazarus Damron will faithfully discharge all the duties of said office and pay over in due time to the proper persons all money which may be received by him as Justice of the Peace aforesaid for fines taxes judgments rendered on executions given under out hands this 24th day of June, 1871. Attest. John G. Johns, CFCC."

FLOYD COUNTY, KY. CIRCUIT COURT, PRESTONBURG, Book A, p. 233, 24th day of April, 1815: "Be it remembered that at a Court held for Floyd circuit at the Court House in Prestonburg on Monday, the 24th day of April, 1815, came John Damron the devise of Richard Damron by William P. Fleming his Attorney and filed here in court his certain declaration in ejectment against Richard Fen, John Hackworth, Jeremiah Hackworth, Moses Head, William McGuire, Benjamin Lewis and Squire McGuire..." Following this is a very complicated suit of about forty-six pages not copied. Commissioners were appointed to survey the land etc.

Floyd County Circuit Court, July term, 1820: John Thurman, Plf. against Richard Damron, Def. IN CASE: "This day came the parties aforesaid by their attornies and the Def. produced by demurrer herein and the plff. has joined which is ordered to be filed and on hearing the Court ordered the demurrer with costs therein it is considered by the Court that the defendant recover of the plff. the costs occasioned by filing this demurrer and the Defendant comes and produces his plea & the plff. his rejoinder which is ordered to be filed and on motion of the defendant a dedimus is awarded him to take the deposition of Samuel _____ of Cabell County and late of Virginia before any two Justices of the peace for said county and this course is continued till next court.

John Hackworth, Complainant against John Graham & Moses Pheston, IN CHANCERY, debts. Dispute about sale of land. Lazarus Dameron testifies.

Other items indexed for Richard Damron in the Floyd Circuit Court are: Richard Damron plaintiff vs. Thomas J. Garrett al, File 23, 1819; Richard Damron al, vs. Asgne Samuel May, 1819; vs. Thomas Price, Apr. 21, 1820; vs. Abraham Beavers, 1820; vs. Richard Damron vs. Philip Cole, 1825, several items.

(Note by A.A. Pike County has many Damrons today but not very many in Floyd. The History of Johnson Co. by Hall has quite a lot about Floyd Co. Land Grants for Kentucky by Richard Dancer or Danier is also said to be good.)

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PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, DEEDS: (Of 33 pages only the earliest were copied.)

RICHARD DAMRON, GRANTEE: from Phillip Cole, Grantor, by Shf. Dec. 31, 1824 1300 acres on Sandy River; from Henry Wedington, Aug. 10, 1826, 70 ac. Sandy R.; from Est. Seminary Land, Jan. 3, 1829, 25 acres; from Cornelius Roberts Nov. 11, 1828, 30 acres, Shelby Creek; Book a, p. 36; from William Ratliff, Dec. 23, 1836; 3 Trs. Harrison Br., B. Al p. 496; from David Campbell & wf. Apr. 4, 1848, 200 acres, Sandy River; from James Roberts Sr. & wf. Jan. 3, 1849, 35 A. Shelby Cr.

RICHARD DAMRON, GRANTOR, Pikeville Ky. (48 pages of Damrons in deeds' index.) Richard Damron to Bradley Collins, Mar. 5, 1823, 50 acres, Shelby Creek; to John Hunt, Dec. 1, 1823, 160 acres, Levisa Fork; to Richard Ratliff, Apr. 25, 1826; Tract on Sandy River; to Cornelius Estep, Aug. 14, 1826, 20 acres Hurricane Cr.; Elizabeth and Richard Damron, Grantors, to Christian Trout, Aug. 23, 1826, 76 acres, Hurricane Creek; same to Henry Weddington, Jan. 12, 1827, tract, A, 275; Richard Damron to Henry Weddington, Power of attorney, May 19, 1827, 322 A; Richard Damron, Estate, to James Honaker, June 15, 1829, 514 Acres Lycans Branch; Richard Damron, Estate, to George Justice, Nov. 25, 1829, 291 A. Feds. Cr.; Richard Damron, al, Estate, to David Branham, Feb. 12, 1830, 100 acres Harmons Br.; Richard Damron, Est. to John King, Oct. 29,1830, 175 Acres, Peter Cr.; Richard Damron, Est. to William Ramsay, Comrs. D. Aug. 22, 1831, Elkhorn Cr. 4 tr. Richard Damron, Est. to Isaac Mainard, Oct. 6, 1835, 162 1/2 Acres Bushy Cr.; Richard Damron, al, Est. to Simeon Justice, Dec. 16, 1836, 50 Acres Marrowbone Cr.; Richard Damron, Est. to Daniel McCoy, Feb. 24, 1838, 109 A. Pond Creek; Richard Damron, Est. to Daniel McCoy, 178 1/2 Acres Blackberry Creek; Richard Damron, Est. to Thomas Hunt, Oct. 8, 1839, 290 A. Tug R. Richard Damron, Est. to William Ferguson, Jun. 16, 1846, 50 Acres Turkey Creek

Floyd County, Ky. Order Book 3, p. 142, Jan. Court, 1820: "A report of a road as viewed and marked from Moses Damrons into the road near Thos. Wittens is received and it isordered that Richard Damron superintend the opening of the same and that he call on John Hackwith, Silas Ratliff, Merriman McGee & Micajah Collier & their hands & John Branham & Jonathan & William his sons, John Morgan, Cornelius Estep, Moses Damron, Jr. to assist him in opening the same according to law and report the same to March court."

Prestonburg, Ky. Floyd Co. Circuit Court, Book A, p. 34, 1815: "JOHN DAMRON, Plf., John Hackworth al, Def. Floyd Circuit Court, 24 April, 1815. Be it remembered that at a Court held for Floyd Co., State of Kentucky, JOHN DAMRON, on the desire of Richard Damron, complains of Richard Fenn in custody of a plea of Trespass and ejectment for that whereas if the 1st day of January in the year 1815 at Circuit and County aforesaid devised and let to farme ten mesauges ten orchards two hundred acres of arable land and five hundred acres of wood lands with the appurtenances lying all upon the Linicy Fork of Big Sandy River to have and to hold the same to him and his heirs and assigns for the full term of thirty years from thence . . . and fully to compleat and be ended by virtue of which said devise the said John Damron the plaintiff afterward to wit on the 8th day of January in the year 1815 aforesaid entered into the devised premises with the appurtenances and was then possession until the said Richard Fen afterwards to wit on the same day and year last aforesaid at circuit and county aforesaid with force and armes entered and expelled and _____ the said plaintiff from the devised premises with the appurtenances and still doth yet keep out the said plaintiff from his possession aforesaid and other wrongs and injuries then and there did against the piece equity of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and to the plaintiff damage $2,000 and therefore he sues for the same. WILLIAM P. FLEMING.

"For Floyd Co. Circuit Court of Prestonburg on the 24th day of April, 1815, came JOHN DAMRON by his attorney and brought into court his certain bill against Richard Fen which bill is in the following words and figures to wit: Mrs. John Hackworth, Jeremiah Hackworth, Moses Wade, William McGuire, Benjamin Lewis, Squire McGuire, Gentlemen, I am informed that you are in possession or claim title to premises in the within declaration of ejectment mentioned or to some parts thereof and I being sued in this certain . . . ejector and having no claim or title to the premises do advise you to appear on the 1st day of the next April term of the Floyd Circuit Court at the Court House and then and there by a rule of the same court to be made cause yourselves to be made defendants in my stead otherwise I shall suffer judgment to pass against me by default and you will be turned out of possession. Your loving friend, RICHARD FENN."

"Executed by leaving a true copy of the within declaration in ejectment til each of the heirs of the within named John Hackworth, Jeremiah Hackworth, Moses Wade (Mead?), William McGuire, Benjamin Lewis and Squire McGuire and explaining to them the contents thereof at least twelve days premious to the first day of April, 1815. JAMES STRATTON, Constable."

Floyd Circuit Court, April Term, 1815: "This day came RICHARD DAMRON, the lesor of the Plaintiff and the Defendant John Hackworth, who agrees to have his suit so far as respects the Deft. John Hackworth, Jeremiah Hackworth, Moses Mead dismissed at the costs of the said Deft. John Hackworth, therefore it is ordered by the court that the said Damron, lesor, of the Pltf. herein do recover of the said Defts. John and Jeremiah Hackworth and Moses Mead and that the said last mentioned Defts. go hence hereof without delay.

"I William James Mayo, Clerk of the Court for the Circuit aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true full and complete record of the papers filed of the proceedings...given under my hand the 25th of May, 1815, Wm. I. Mayo."

ORDER BOOK 2, p. 6 (Order Book I has been lost), Floyd Co., Ky., Prestonburg:

Feb. court, 1814, 2nd day,"RICHARD DAMRON, Assignee of W. P. Fleming, Plff, On Notice, against Thomas Evans, Collector, Def. This day came the Plaintiff in his proper person and the defendants by their attorney and on motion of the Defendants this case is continued at their proper costs."

Book 2, p. 6: "Commrs. James Cuming and William James Mayo are appointed commissioners to settle with Richard Damron, administrator of the estate of Thos. G. Soward, Deceased."

Book 2, p. 8, Mar. Court, 1814: "William P. Fleming for Richard Damron, Plaintiff, against Thomas Evans, Collector of the Levies in Floyd Co. for 1812 and 1813 and Thos. C. Brown, John Thurman, William Rector, James Young, Snr., Meredith Edwards, John S. Basscom, Richard Cam or Conn, William Young, John Jones, David Griffith, Robert Griffith and Christopher Talor, his securities."

Mar. Court, 1814, second day."Fleming for Damron, Plff. vs. Evans,Collector, Def., ON NOTICE. The defendant by his attorney moved the c ourt to quash the notice as this court had no session in January last nor can have again without the intervension of the assembly. The Court overruled the motion and the Defendant accepts and tenders herein this Bill of exception and the court assigns the same."

"July Court, 1816. On the motion of David K. Harris, deputy sheriff, leave is granted him to amend his late returns on the _____ Fleming for Damron vs. Evans."

"May Court, 1815. A report of the commissioners appointed to divie the land claims of Richd. Damron, Daniel Harrison's heirs, Samuel Thompson and others is received and ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of Richard Damron by proxy it is ordred by the Court that the surveyor of this county do go on the said lands on the ___ day of next and survey lay out and describe by proper notes and bounds the said lands to the several claimants agreeable to the report of the said commissioners."

Book 2, October Court, 1816, p. 192: Richard Damron, Jr.'s son born 29th day of March, 1814, at the house of Squire McGuire, is bound out "an apprentice to Lazarus Dameron, shoemaker, and that the clerk of this court do attend to the execution of the indenture according to law." The mother, Nancy McGuire, is incapable of caring for the child.

Jan. Court, 1819, p. 60, Book 2: Richard Damron produced in Court in account of $8 against the estate of Wm. Morgan decd. for burying Esther, a slave of said estate, which died at said Damron's while hired & Wm. I. Mayo, Guard. of the heirs of said estate, being present, said the account is allOwed and ordered to be copied and certified."

Dec. 1816, p. 13, has agreement between Berryman McGuire and Lazarus Dameron of apprenticeship to teach "said apprentice in the said business of shoemaking and provide for said apprentice good, wholesome and sufficient meat drink washing lodging and teach or cause to be taught in the English language to read and write and also arithmetic as far as the rule of three inclusive and at the expiration of the term of service pay him three pounds ten shillings as his freedom dues and also a good decent suit of mens clothes."

Book 3, p. 113: Sept. Court, 1819:"Richard Damron, Guardian of James Pauley's heirs appeared & being heard on oath is acquitice of fine and he indulged till next court to make his report."

PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, PIKEVILLE, KY. DEEDS:

Elizabeth and Richard Damron, Grantors, to Samuel Mars. Jan. 5,1839, 200 A.Harmons Cr
Richard Damron, Grantor, to Adrian Runyan;Aug. 18,1846, 50 A. Pond Cr. (Estate.)
Richard Damron, Est., to Adrian Runyon, Jun. 12, 1847, 113 A. Pond Creek;
Richard, al, Est. to Thomas Hunt, Apr. 8, 1850, 290 Acres, Coburn Fork.

PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ORDER BOOKS INDEX (16 pages of Damrons here):

RICHARD DAMRON, Appt. Co. Surveyor, 1822, Book A, p. 4, 16; recommended as surveyor 1822, A1, p. 4; commissioned County Surveyor, 1822, A1, 17; subpoena issued to Richard Damron, 1824, A, 111, 1,117; summons to court, 1824, A, 123; indulge to next court, 1825; A 1, 118; renewal of bond refused, 1826, a, 167; Resigned as surveyor, 1827, A1, 199; Richard Damron, al, Patents, 1827, A1,212,219; Richard Damron, Estate, Apt. of Appraises for, 1828, A, 143,228; Richard Damron estate land conveyed, 1828, A,158; Estate apt. of Admr. for, 1828, A,184,262; probation of will, 1828, A1,257; Estate aptmt. of Admrx for, 1828,A1,256; Richard Damron apt. Surveyor of Caney Creek Road, 1828, A, 218.

RICHARD DAMRON, INDEX OF ORDER BOOKS: (As Richard Sr. died 1828, the items after that date must refer to Richard Jr. who married Elizabeth Prowdy, Aug. 26, 1821, in Floyd Co., Ky.)

Richard Damron, appointed Guardian, 1833, B, 113; Richard and James Damron, claim allowed Shelby Creek, Oct. 1850, B1, 440; Richard Damron apt. special deputy sheriff, 1851, B1,487; claim allowed 1851, B1,502,BC 244,BD 354; Rickard Damron, al, apt. appraiser, 1852, B1,567,610; Richard Damron, viewers Report Public Road, 1853, C 31; apt. Commissioner 1854, C 40, D 334; Comsr. Report,1854; Richard Damron tavern license, 1857, C 67;

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DEED OF RICHARD DAMRON TO BRADLEY COLLINS

"This indenture made this 5th day of March, 1822, between RICHARD DAMRON of Pike County, State of Kentucky, of the one part and Bradley Collins of the other part, witnesseth, that said Richard Damron for and in consideration of fifty dollars to him in hand paid at or before the sealing and delivering of these presents hath and by these presents do grant bar gain sell and confirm unto the aforesaid Bradley Collins his heirs and assigns one certain tract of land situate and lying and being in Pike County on Shelby's Creek containing by survey fifty acres be the same more or less and bounded as followeth to wit, viz. beginning on Madisons upper line and running with a line granted to Richard Damron asine of John Graham who was asine of John Preston up Shelby Creek with the lines of said survey to a conditional line between Madison Collins and Richard Damron thence with the conditional line thence down the creek to the south line of said survey thence with the said line to Madison's upper line thence with Madisons line northerly to where the conditional beginning betwixt Richard Damron and Maridy Collins which said fifty acres of land with all and singular the benefits and emoliments there unto belonging or in any wise appurtaining to the said Richard Damron do warrant and defend to him the said Bradley Collins his heirs and assigns forever to have and to hold the aforesaid land and premises to him the said Bradley Colens his heirs and against me my heirs and against John Preston and his heirs and against John Graham and his heirs against all persons claiming by through or under us or either of us but against no other person or claims whatsoever in withess whereof the said Richard Damron have here unto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written. Signed sealed & delivered in presence of us: RICHARD DAMRON, witnesses, SAML. SUMNER, GABRILL PARSONS, WILLIAM OWENS, ABRAM BEAVERS. Pike Co. Court Clerk's office this 7th day of Aprile, 1823, I Spencer Adkins Clerk of Court for the Court aforesaid do hereby certify that the written deed was produced to me by Richard Damron and acknowledged to be his act and deed hand and seal and that the same has been duly recorded in my office according to law. SPENCER ADKINS, CPCC

PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, LAW ORDERS: (Pike was formed from Floyd about 1822.)

March Court, 1822, 1st day, Book BA, 4:"RICHARD DAMRON and Joseph Adkins are recommended to the executive as proper and fit persons to fill the office of surveyor of this County a majority of all the Justices of the Peace in said county hereby present and concuring in this Recommendation."

Book A, p. 16: "RICHARD DAMRON produced a Commission from under the hand of John Adair, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, with the seal of Commonwealth thereto affixed appointing him surveyor of Pike County who took the oath to support the Constitution of the United States and of this State or the oath of Surveyor together with the oath to repress more effectively the practice of Dueling and together with James Honaker, Simion Justice and Thomas Owens his Securities entered into and acknowledged their hand in the penalty of two thousand dollars conditional agreeable to law." (Note: Sheriff Thomas Owens later married Sarah Damron when she was sixteen and they moved to Missouri and Oregon. She was sixteen in 1834.)

March Court, 1822, Bond: "Know all men by these presents that we Spencer Adkins, RICHARD DAMRON, Abram Beavers, William Ratliff, Senr., William Tackett and Thomas Owens are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the penal sum of one thousand pounds for the true payment whereof we bind ourselves and dated the 4th day of March, 1822.

"The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Spencer Adkins as Clerk of the Pike County Court shall duly and faithfully execute the said office and not remove or carry or suffer to be carried or removed out of this county the records and papers of this court or any part thereof except in certain cases which are allowed by law, then the above obligation to be void else to Remain in full force and Virtue. Executed in presence of, Court Attest: SPENCER ADKINS, RICHARD DAMRON, ABRAM BEAVERS, WILLIAM RATLIFF, WILLIE TACKETT, THOMAS MAY, THOMAS OWENS.

March Term, 1824: "Ordered that Richard Damron be summoned to appear here at next April Court to shue cause why he has not located and surveyed the seminary lands.

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RICHARD DAMRON, JR. OF PIKE COUNTY, KY.

PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, DEEDS:

Richard Damron, Grantee, from William Little, Sr. & wf. May 3, 1849, 13 acres, Caney Creek, C,305; Richard Damron from Colbert Cecil, Jun. 28, 1849, tract on Shelby Creek, C 34; Richard Damron from James Roberts & wf. Feb. 3, 1855, 50 acres on Shelby Creek, D,161; Richard Damron from James Damron Sr. & wf. Feb. 3, 1855, 2 Trs. Shelby Cr. D,162; Richard Damron from Cornelius Roberts al, Jun. 5, 1855, 250 Acres Shelby Cr., D,198; Richard Damron from Cornelius Little,Aug. 8, 1856, tract, Shelby Cr. D, 344; Richard Damron from David Little, May 25,1858, 50 acres, Shelby Creek, E, 15.

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Above records show that Richard Damron Sr. died in 1828, and that he owned a great deal of land which was sold from his estate on Pond Creek, Coburn Fork, Shelby Creek, both sides of Sandy River, etc.

John Damron had a court case in Floyd Co., Ky. in 1815 on behalf of Richard Damron against Richard Fenn, showing that he must have been his son. On Jan. 25, 1821, John Damron m. Nancy Branham in Prestonburg, Ky., James Roberts, minister. John's son Alex married Polly Harris and their children were: Harvey of Ash Camp, Ky., age 77 in 1954; John Wesley of Fords Branch, 96; Cordelia Henson, age 98; Dave of Island Creek, Ky., deceased; Jake, whose son James lives at Ivel, Ky.

(C) DEED OF JESSE McGUIRE TO RICHARD DAMRON, PIKE COUNTY, 1824

"This Indenture made this 31st day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four between Jesse McGuire late Sheriff for William Graves late Sheriff of Floyd County of the one part and RICHARD DARMON of the County of Pike and State of Kentucky of the other part witnesseth that whereas the said Richard Damron lately before the Judge of the Fleming Circuit holden in the town of Flemingsburg at the March term of said Circuit Court 1821 did recover by a judgment of said court against Phillips Cole the sum of one hundred and twenty six dollars and forty-two cents for his said Damrons costs expended in presenting in chancery against the said Cole whereof in the said court remaining more fully appears and whereas the said Richard Damron produced on the judgment aforesaid out of the court aforesaid a certain writ of the Commonwealth of Kentucky called ____ facie as directed to the Sheriff of Floyd County by the Fleming Circuit Court which writ of fiece facias ____ date the 11th day of October 1821 by which writ it was commanded the said sheriff of Floyd County that of the estate of the said Phillips Cole he should cause to be made the costs aforesaid and that he should have the same costs before the Judge of the said Fleming Circuit Court on the Saterday succeeding the date of the said writ render to the said __ of his costs aforesaid and also the writ aforesaid and whereas the said Jessie McGuire Deputy Sheriff aforesaid by Virtue of the said writ aforesaid directed as aforesaid did return on said writ as follows to wit Executed on a tract of land of 1300 acres claimed by Cole under Deed from James C. Madison and advertised according to law and sole in persuance of said writ of fiece facias and according to the laws of the State of Kentucky in such case made and provided having legally advertised and made known the same did on the third day of December in the year 1821 on thepremises viz. on the said 1300 acres of land expose to sale by public vendue or auction the aforesaid tract of land with the appurtanences to the same belonging andall estate with title claim and demand whatsoever of him the said Phillips Cole unto and over to the same and whereas the said Richard Damron did then and there bid for the same $14-25 and no person biding more the said tract or parcell of land and premises with appurtanences was in due manner openly struck and sold to the said Richard Damron for the same sum of $14-25, therefore to confirm the said purchase to the witness the said Jessie McGuire Deputy for William Graves as aforesaid for and in consideration of the sum of $14-25 in hand receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and by the laws of the state aforesaid hath and doth and by this presents grant bargain sell release convey and confirm unto the said Richard Damron his heirs assigns forever all the said tract or parcel containing 1300 acres lying and being in the County of Pike formerly the county of Floyd and on both sides of Sandy River known by its bounds and established lines as by reference to the pattent will fully appear with all the priveleges and appertainences to the same belonging or in any wise appurtaining with all the estate right interest propertyclaim and demand of the said Phillips Cole unto and over the same and every part and parcel thereof to HAVE and to hold all and singular the above granted bargained premises and appertainances to the said Richard Damron his heirs and assigns forever in as full ample and complete manner as I the said Jessie McGuire Duputy Sherriff as aforesaid might could or ought to convey the same. In witness whereof I have herewith set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written. JESSIE McGUIRE, late Deputy Sherriff for William Graves late Sherriff of Floyd County.

"PIKE COUNTY COURT CLERK'S OFFICE, 1st day of January, 1825. I SPENCER ADKINS Clerk of the Court for the County aforesaid do hereby certify the within deed was produced to me on the 31st day of December 1824 and acknowledged by Jessie McGuire the subscribing party thereto to be his hand and seal and act and deed and that the same was duly recorded in my office according to law. Attest SPENCER ADKINS, C.P.C.C."

(NOTE BY A.A. Pike County was organized at the home of Spencer Adkins on Mon. the 4th day of Mar. 1822. Simeon Justice, James Roberts, Reuben Rutherford, John Hunt and John Bevins produced commissions from under the hand of Gov. John Adair.)

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THE DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD DAMRON OF KENTUCKY

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, first generation, of Northumberland Co., Va. in 1652.
II. GEORGE m.Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis, and inherited Guarding Point.
III. LAZARUS, m. Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Smith.He died Albemarle Co., Va. in 1749. His sons were Richard d. unmarried; George, Moses, John.
IV. MOSES, fourth generation, inherited his father's plantation in Albemarle Co., Va. on Red Bank and Damron's Creek. His children were: Lazarus who went to Kentucky; Moses who went to Kentucky; probably Capt. John b. 1757; and perhaps Richard who went to Kentucky. These were all in Russell County, Va. after the Revolution guarding the frontier. Sarah Damron Adair said that her father Moses, immigrated "to Kentucky with two brothers, Lazarus and Richard, and settled on the Big Sandy River. Mr. Damron was a great Indian fighter." Luther F. Damron of West Virginia said the tradition is that Lazarus came to Kentucky with six sons, of whom three moved to West Virginia named Moses, George and Samuel, the other three staying in Kentucky around Shelby Creek. We are not sure of the names of the three of Kentucky, as yet.

V. LAZARUS DAMRON, fifth generation, famous Indian scout and Revolutionary soldier, came to Kentucky around 1804 with six sons. In 1805 his wife was Nancy, and he was living in Floyd Co., Ky. I believe he was one of the soldiers at Blackmore's Fort in Russell Co., Va. after the Revolution. One of the early Damrons must have married the daughter of Solomon King, as this name was carried down.

VI. RICHARD DAMRON, who was either the son or brother of above Lazarus Damron. He was over 21 in 1796, as the Russell Co. Court Records, Book 2, p. 289 show: RICHARD DAMRON by Moses Damron etc. vs. Richd Collier in Case Continued for the Defendant. Ordered that Richard Damron etc. pay Moses Damron 1 Dollar and 6 cents for 2 days attendance for him against Richard Collier, also that he pay John Young 2 Dollars and 12 cents for 4 days attendance for him against the said Richard Collier." This refers to jury duty, or expenses as witnesses. Book 2p. 289, September Court, 1796, says: "Richard Damron by Moses Damron vs. Richard Collier: in Case. Dismiss'd and each party to pay their own costs."

I believe Richard Damron was also a Revolutionary soldier as he received a land grant on Shelby Creek on May 18, 1808, Floyd Co., Ky. 260 acres, where his descendants still live. The militia are not recorded in the War Department files, but he may have received this for service against the Indians after the Revolution. This could be checked with the Secretary of State in Frankfort and in Richmond. Also his name should be checked with the office of the Adjutant General in Washington and the Pension Bureau there.

Order Book 1 has been lost but Book 2, Floyd Co.,Ky.has a case 1814 for Richard Damron. The May Court, 1 15 has "A report of the commissioners appointed to divide the land claims of Richd. Damron, Daniel Harrisons heirs," etc. Floyd Co., Ky. Marriage records show: Richard Damron married Rody Fitzgerrall, June 6th, 1816, by R. Haws. Also Richard Damron married Elizabeth Prowdy Aug. 26, 1821, by Leineer Justice.

In 1956 we found additional items about Richard in the Pike County records: Court Order Book beginning March, 1822, p. 2, Richard Damron is security. On p. 107, March Term, 1824, Richard Damron was summoned to show cause why he had not surveyed the seminary lands. Book 1, p. 143, 9 Jan. 1826--Thomas Owens and William Tackett ordered...to allot land to Trustees of Pike Seminary, RICHARD DAMRON, Surveyor.

Pike County Court Orders, Book 1-A, January Term, 1828, p. 254: The Last Will and Testament of Richard Damron, Elizabeth Damron, executrix, named in the Last Will and Testament Decd. was produced and proved in open court by evidence of Robert Walker, Esq., William Ratliff, Esq., and James Honaker, which is ordered to be... (unreadable). Present: Thomas Owens ,William Ramy (?) Esq. (The item just above this is dated 14 Jan. 1828.)

February Term, 1828, p. 262: On motion of Elizabeth Damron, executrix of Richard Damron appointed and William Ratliff appointed as administrator with her and her motion WITH THE WILL ANNEXED and qualified as such who together with Silas (?) Ratliff's son William Ratliff, Sr. and Abram Damron entered into and acknowledged this bondin the sum of three thousand dollars.

February, 1828: Betsy Damron, executrix, Dr.
Taking the probate and certificate of the last will and testament of Richard Damron, order 25, making William Ratliff, administrator, with her executrix.... Order making ex. 25 and order 18 appointing appraisers. Copy 12/2 Rec. willand Testament 1.80. Copy 900 words for 20 ____. Order 25, copy 18, ordering trustees to Seminary lands. To order 25 making oath and bond 40. Order on your family to give security.

November Term, 1828: motion against Betsey Damron. "William Ratliff and Silas Ratliff vs. Elizabeth Damron and William Ratliff." Betsey Damron and William Ratliff refused to give further security which the court adjudged them to give, p.184. This is followed by "Motion for Letters Testamentary, Estate of R. Damron, Decd., on the Motion of William Ratliff by the consent of Elizabeth Damron, administratrix, with the WILL ANNEXED is granted him of the goods and chattels of Richard Damron, Decd. whereupon he took the oath prescribed by law and entered into bond in the penal sum of three thousand dollars who together with William Cecil, William Ratliffe, Senr., James Honaker,Thomas Price and Elijah Adkins, his securities, letters testamentary are granted him in due forms."

March Term, 1829. A road is ordered through Richard Damron's land by James Roberts, etc.

May Term, 1831, p.4, mentions a road from the branch at Richard Damron's down around the hill to Herrel's Branch to land of Richard P. Robison and James Ratliff.

We again were not able to find the will of Richard Damron which seems to have been about 900 words and might prove who his children were. It should be in the Pikeville courthouse somewhere. The Letters of Administration to William Ratliff might have it annexed in a separate box under date of November, 1828. We could not get into the boxes of Letters of Administration in Pikeville and this should be done andeverything copied on this subject. It looks as if Richard's wife may have been a Ratliff or perhaps a daughter married one. Perhaps he also had a wife named Spurlock. In 1819 Richard Damron was guardian of James Pauley's heirs. The children of Richard Damron were: (Order of birth is not known.)

1. Richard, Jr. who m. Elizabeth Prowdy Aug. 26, 1821, Floyd Co., Ky. Richard and James had a claim allowed Shelby Creek, 1850. Elizabeth and Richard Damron sold to Samuel Mars 1839 on Harmons Creek. In 1847, Richard Damron Estate made a deed on Pond Creek. Richard Damron, Jr. had a natural son by Nancy McGuire b. 29 March, 1814, who was bound out to Lazarus Damron, shoemaker, agreement Dec. 1816 between L.D. and Berryman McGuire.
2. Spurlock b. 1813, d.1870, m. Sarah Trout, dau. of Christian Trout.
3. Moses m. Nancy Justice; his son Wm. had ch. Beldon, T.C., L. M.
4. William M. Damron m. Rutha Ramsay (Polley originally), 1847.
5. Elisha b. about 1800, of Virgie, Ky. father of Samuel Henry, etc.
6. John m. Nancy Branham, 1821, Jan. 25, Floyd Co., Ky.
7. Perhaps Solomon King Damron who moved to Greenup ,, Ky. 1871.
8. Perhaps Abraham who was on the bond for Richard's Will 1828.

THE DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD DAMRON

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who had a land grant in 1652 in Northumberland County, Va.
II. GEORGE, m. Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis, and inherited Guarding Point estate.
III. LAZARUS m. Elizabeth Smith. He d. Albemarle Co., Va. 1749.
IV. MOSES, of Albemarle, who inherited his father's land. We do not know all his sons but one was Lazarus, the Indian scout, and probably Moses and Richard, as well as Capt. John Damron, all four of whom went to Russell County, Va. after the Revolution. Lazarus, Moses and Richard moved to Floyd and Pike Cos., Ky. There is a tradition that Lazarus had six sons, three of whom moved to West Virginia. It is possible that Richard was his son and not his brother, but the evidence points to the fact that Richard and Lazarus were brothers. In a history of Oregon, 1900, is a story of"Sarah Damron Adair, pioneer of 1843," by her daughter, Dr. Owens Adair: "Mrs. Owens was born in Kentucky 8 Jan. 1818. Shewas the first daughter of Moses and Jennie Damron. Her father was of pure English blood, and immigrated from England to Kentucky, with TWO BROTHERS, LAZARUS AND RICHARD, and settled on the Big Sandy River. Mr. Damron was a great Indian fighter, and was employed by the government as a scout and spy during the war with the Shawness and Delawares." It looks from this as if three brothers came--Lazarus, Richard and Moses (Moses died going to Illinois and left a family of orphans, so we know he could not be the son of Lazarus, as Lazarus had another son named Moses.) Lazarus himself had six sons, according to tradition, three of whom were Moses, Samuel and George who went to West Virginia. The other three might have been Joseph, who m. Elizabeth Dyck in December, 1815, at Prestonburg, Ky. , James (in 1816, July 6, Moses deeded to James Damron, 100 acres on Shelby Creek. On Jan. 1, 1817, James deeded to John Mullins 100 acres on Shelby Creek. Richard Damron gave an assignment to James Damron, Feb. 26, 1816. On Aug. 9, 1830, James Damron deeded to James G. Hatcher 50 acres on Mud Creek,) and Lazarus (who m. Polly Mullins, Feb. 15, 1821, Floyd Co., Ky.) The above names are all found in the records before 1816 except Lazarus Jr. who is found 1821. Therefore the followingseems likely:

1. Lazarus Damron, Indian scout and Revolutionary soldier, who had six sons, probably Samuel, George and Moses of W. Va., and Joseph, Lazarus, Jr. and James or Abraham.

2. Moses of Russell Co., Va. who had a son Moses, Jr. who died going to Illinois This Moses left in 1826 for Illinois with his wife Jennie Mullins.

3. Richard Damron, probably son of Moses of Albemarle, but possibly of Lazarus. He was in Russell Co. 1796. He was probably also an Indian scout and Revolutionary soldier like Lazarus and Capt. John and the other Moses. He received a land grant on Shelby Creek, 1808, Floyd Co., Ky. which may have been for Revolutionary service. One Richard married Rody Fitzgerrall June 6, 1816, in Floyd Co., Ky. In 1816 Richard deeded land to Meriday Collins, 50 ac. on Shelby Creek. In 1815 Richard deeded 200 acres on Shelby Creek to Moses Damron. In 1814 he also sold land on Shelby Creek and Sandy River, on Stone Coal Creek in 1817, and in 1820 on Mossy Bottom. On Aug. 12, 1814, Richard bought 1,283 acres on Sandy River from John Graham. In 1815, Richard was assigned, on Jan. 15, from Moses Damron. Richard died 1828, but no will has been found in Pikeville, though the estate was appraised March, 1828, by William Owens, William Adkins etc.

Richard Damron was in Floyd Co., Ky. 1809 and was appointed surveyor 1820. In 1824 Richard received 1,300 acres on both sides of Sandy River from Phillip Cole, etc. His children appear to be the following:

(1) Richard, Jr. m. Elizabeth Prowdy, Aug. 26, 1821, Floyd Co., Ky.
(2) Spurlock b. 1813, d. 1870, m. Sarah Trout, 1836, Pike Co., Ky.
(3) John m. Nancy Branham in Prestonburg, Ky. Jan. 25, 1821; had sonAlex.
(4) Elisha b. about 1800 (5) W. M. Damron; (6) Moses,(7) Solomon K.?

VII. ELISHA DAMRON, son of Richard[6](Lawrence[1] George[2] Lazarus[3] Moses[4] Lazarus[5]) was born about 1800 and lived on Robinson Creek at Virgie, Kentucky. J. Luther Damron, who keeps a store at Virgie, said Elisha's wife was Peggy, last name not known, and that his ancestors probably came from Virginia. The will of Elisha Damron in Book B, p. 93, Pike County, Ky. Wills, gave to wife Sally all real estate and personal property and at death it was to be divided among lawful heirs. Son W.G. Damron was executor. Signed Elisha X Damron, April, 1875. Witnesses: John May and James P. Marrs. Pike County marriages also show in 1845 the marriage of E. Elisha Damron to Sarah Elswick, 1845, Jan. 29, by W. M. Tackett. J. Luther Damron told us the children of Elisha were the following:

1. Samuel Henry Damron, who lived on Robinson Creek at Virgie, Ky. He married the daughter of Rhodes Owens, Kate C. Owens, 1884, in Pike County. His children were: Proctor K. Damron, a lawyer of Pikeville, Ky. who has a son Henry C. Damron on Beef Hide Creek near Pikeville; J. Luther Damron of Virgie, Ky.; Ballard Damron of Robinson Creek; and Blake who lives on the home place on Robinson Creek.

2. Leonard Damron, son of Elisha, died out West in Washington.
3. Richard Damron, son of Elisha, died at Robinson Creek.
4. William Damron, son of Elisha. His son Joe had a son Oscar.
5. Harvey (Doc.) Spurlock Damron, son of Elisha.
6. Wesley Damron, son of Elisha.

VII. WILLIAM M. DAMRON,[7] son of Richard,[6] married Rutha Polley (Ramsay), in Pike County, Ky. February 17, 1847, the minister being George Powell. Her sons by the first marriage, John Wesley Ramsay and George W. Ramsay, were both "in the Yankee army under Lincoln," Harrison Damron informed us, saying also that his grandfather "old man Billy" wasalso a Union soldier, and the "best Republican ever was." He waid that Wilson Damron was also a soldier under Lincoln. Harrison said his grandfather had half-brothers both names Moses, called Whitey Moses and Blackie Moses. The children of William M. Damron were: (He died about 1896.)

1. Moses.
2. Betty, m. McCowan. She was whole sister to James H. Damron.
3. Mary married Miles Swinney or Sweeney and lived four miles up Shelby at Yeager.
4. James H. Damron, a logger, who lived on Shelby Creek, married Louisa Swinney 1879. His children were:

(1) Harrison Damron, age 67 in 1956 when we called on him--he was born 1889 one mile up Shelby from where he lives on Herald's branch on the road leading up above the new hospitalat Pikeville, address P. O. Box 835, Pikeville, Ky. He has three daughters and sixsons, five of the sons having been in the service. He is a Baptist and an Eisenhauer Republican. He was formerly a miner but now farms.

(2) James H. Damron, who lives on the Yeager road.

(3) George Washington Damron, called "Bud", lives on Robinson Creek, Ky. He said his grandfather William M. Damron was in the 39th regiment in the Civil War and that his family came from North Carolina. He said Elisha was 1st cousin to his grandfather and that Luther Damron of Millard, Ky. has genealogy. His wife is Lenna Damron, daughter of John Marrs and Phoebe Damron. Phoebe's father was John Damron of Boldman, Ky. John's brothers were Dee, Will who died in Washington state and Oxier. Bob Damron was her uncle. Spurlock was a brother of Phoebe Damron. She referred us to Oscar Damron, Robinson Creek, and to Joe Damron, Route 2, Pikeville, at Esco--Joe married Eve ____ and his second wife was Sweeney. Oscar hadno whole brother, but a half-brother Garfield Adkins, Barney, Jess, Joe, Jr. Distantly related to P. K. Damron. She said Logan Damron at Boldman had genealogy and also Mrs. Velma Hunt Greenslate of Carter County, Ky.

VIII. MOSES, son of William Damron, the Yankee soldier in the Civil War. WayneDamron of Elkhorn City, Ky. said that "his grandfather was Billy Damron who was a Yankee soldier in the Civil War and was wounded and died later. His forefathers came from North Carolina. Billy's sons were: 1. Moses who married Louisa Ratliff and lived on Shelby Creek, Pike Co., Ky. 2. Jim who married Louisa Ramsey and also lived on Shelby Creek. 3. Another brother Wright Damron, Civil War Yankee, m. Arelia Hopkins. Wright's sons were: Anthony, Dan, James Blaine, Jerome, and daughters were Maudie, Nona and Byrdie. James was killed on the railroad." Moses'children were:

1. James, of Powell's Creek, Pike Co., Ky. (had 20 children?)
2. John, of Shelby Creek, Pike Co., Ky.
3. Miles, Road Creek, Pike Co.
4. Reece, Greasy Creek, Pike Co.
5. King (Ferrell's Creek), Belcher, Ky.
6. Matt, died at 4 years of age.
7. Wayne, of Elkhorn City, Ky.
8. Julia.
9. Mary.
10. Martha.
11. Edna.

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VII. MOSES DAMRON, who married Nancy Justice, July26, 1838, Floyd Co., Ky. He was the brother of Spurlock and William Damron, Beldon Damron told me. Therefore, he was the son of Richard Damron who d. 1828 in Pike Co., Ky. Moses' children were, according to Beldon:

1. William Damron who married Sarah Ann Compton in 1877, Pike Co., Ky. His children were:

(1) Beldon Damron of Chloe Creek, near Pikeville, Ky.
(2) T.C. Damron, Richlands, Va., who lives on Clinch River.
(3) L. M. Damron, Grimsyville, Va. Route 460, near Raven, who has a son William at Richlands, Va. L. M. Damron wrote July 27, 1956: "I am the son of William and William was the son of Mosie and Mosie wasa brother to Spurlock Damron. Bill Damron a brother to Spurlock. As for the rest I can't remember much too far back. I would love to help you more, but I can't." I was also told that Harrison Damron's father and Beldon's fatherwere first cousins.

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I wrote to the Virginia State Library asking for a roster of the 72d militia in Russell Co., Va. after the Revolution, of which John Damron was appointed captain in 1802 by Gov. James Monroe of the 2d Battalion. I also asked if they had any records on the military service of Lazarus, Richard, Moses, George and John Damron. As of July 18, 1956, I received the followingreply: "We do not locate a roster of the 72d Regiment,but it appears that the Russell County order books may contain pertinent data. We do not locate reference to a land grant to the surname Dameron (Damron), 1762-1810. You might possibly obtain relevant information by writing the Land Office, Frankfort, Kentucky. We do not have in our collections any record showing Colonial or Revolutionary War service by the Damrons cited by you. However, in regard to Revolutionary War service, there appear to be records for John Damron, 9 C.L., and George Damron, 6 c. L. on file in the National Archives, Washington, 25 D.C. It is possible that extended research might locate data of interest to you. However, ourstaff is so small that we are unable to undertake any genealogical research whatsoever, so for your information we are suggesting the names of the following individuals who may be able to assist you: Mrs. Robert F. Woodson, 910 Pine Ridge Road, Richmond, Va., Mrs. Virginia A. Dodd, 507 Matoaka Road, Richmond,Va."

In Frankfort at the Historical Society I looked through the microfilm of the Tax Book of Fleming Co., Ky. 1798-1809 and found nothing in 1798, 1799, 1800, 1803. I also checked the microfilm of tax records from 1810 to 1833 and found nothing on Damrons. In Frankfort a note said that Annie Walker Burns, Wallins Creek, Ky., dated Apr. 1933, had made a Record of Wills in Pike Co., Ky. 1821-1851, inclusive. There was an interesting book Military History of Kentucky by Federal Writers Project. Pioneer Kentucky by W.R. Jillson has a ref. to the Long Hunters p. 56, in 1770, headed by James Knox at Flat Lick.

THE SPURLOCK DAMRON FAMILY

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who was in Northumberland County, Va., by 1652.
II. GEORGE DAMERON, m. Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis, inherited Guarding Point
III. LAZARUS DAMERON m. Elizabeth Smith. He d. Albemarle Co., Va. 1749.
IV. MOSES DAMERON, inherited his father's Albemarle lands in 1749. His sons were Moses, Lazarus and Richard who went to Russell County, Va. after the Revolution, and on to Kentucky and West Virginia. Richard appears to be the youngest, probably.
V. RICHARD DAMERON, who had a land grant on Shelby Creek in Floyd County, Ky. in 1808. On June 6, 1816, Richard Damron married Rody Fitzgerrell at Prestonburg, Floyd Co., Ky. On August 26, 1821, Richard Damron married Elizabeth Prowdy there, probably Richard, Jr. The first wife of Richard, Sr. appears to be named Spurlock. Richard owned a great deal of land on the Big Sandy, Shelby Creek, etc. He had a long lawsuit with Richard Fenn carried on in his behalf by John Damron over land titles: "John Damron on the desire of Richard Damron complains of Richard Fenn in custody of a plea of trespass and ejectment," Floyd Co., Ky., indicating John was his son. Richard Damron was surveyor of Pike County, Ky. in 1822.
VI. SPURLOCK DAMRON, son of Richard, born Sept. 13, 1813, died July 24, 1870. In 1836, Spurlock Damron married Sarah Trout, Pike County, Ky. Ora Damron Reynolds (Mrs. J.C. Reynolds, Route 1, Box 184, Independence, Ky.) wrote to Alice Mary Aiken, 1954: "Enclosed is a copy of records copied from family Bible of Sarah and Spurlock Damron, who were my great-grandparents. His father was Richard Damron but I have no record of when they came to Kentucky. My brother is Ellis Damron, Olive Hill, Ky. My father was Lewis P. Damron, born in Pike Co., Ky. 1869, deceased 1938, Carter Co., Ky." The Bible lists under "Births," Spurlock Damron, Sept. 13, 1813; Sarah Trout Damron, May 6, 1813. Under "Deaths"is listed "Spurlock Damron July 24, 1870, Sarah Damron Jan. 8, 1896." The following children are also copied from her Bible:

1. John Damron born May 7, 1837, died Oct. 19, 1912.
2. Christian Damron, b. May 12, 1838.
3. Lewis P. Damron, b. June 9, 1840. "Killed Civil War, Sept. 21, 1863."
4. Rebecka Damron b. April 9, 1842.
5. Minty J. Damron, b. May 21, 1845.
6. Wm. A. Damron, b. Apr. 6, 1847.
7. Solomon K. Damron b. Mar. 12, 1849.
8. Rice S. Damron b. Jan. 21, 1851.
9. Mary C. Damron, Feb. 12, 1853.
10. Sarah E. Damron, b. July 27, 1855.
11. Pernina Damron, b. Aug. 27, 1858.

VII. JOHN DAMRON, b. May 7, 1837, died Oct. 19, 1912, married Feb. 20,1869, Malinda C. Com pton, b. Dec. 31, 1848. They had thirteen children: Lewis P. b. 1869, Phoebe, Spurlock, Lee, Christian D., Alcy Jane, Sarah G., Matilda, Robert, John A. L., Daniel T., King S., Will Auxier, Joseph b. 1892.

Wayne Damron of Ashland, Ky., son of Louis P. Damron and grandson of John, Captain in the Civil War, stated that Daniel Damron, living near Pikeville, Ky. was his uncle; Mrs. Sarah Tackett, near Boldman, Ky., his father's sister; Mrs. Joe James, Kenova, Ky. Route 2, Fleming Co., his sister; other relatives being Logan Damron near Boldman, Ky. and Josh Damron.

THE SPURLOCK DAMRON FAMILY:

According to the Bible of John Damron and Malinda Damron, their children were:

BIRTHS	DEATHS
Lewis P. Damron, Nov. 20, 1869	Aug. 11, 1938
Phoebe Damron Mar. 1, 1871	May 8, 1943.
Spurlock Damron July 8, 1872	Aug. 24, 1943.
Lee Damron, Feb. 24, 1874	
Christian D. Damron, Nov. 26, 1875	Mar. 7, 1929.
Alcy Jane, Sept. 27, 1877	June 27, 1952.
Sarah G. Damron, Sept. 2, 1879	
Matilda, Mar. 15, 1881	
Robert Damron Mar. 26, 1883.	Sept. 18, 1946.
John A. L. Damron, Oct. 24, 1884	
Daniel T. Damron, Sept. 26, 1886	
King S. Damron, Sept. 10, 1888.	Jan. 29, 1944.
Will Auxier, Feb. 15, 1890	
Joseph Damron, Apr. 22, 1892.	Apr. 13, 1924.

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In 1857, Spurlock Damron married Merrinda Roberts, in Pike Co., Ky. Marriages.

Spurl Damron was married in 1903 in Floyd Co., Ky., at Prestonburg, 5785 ref.

In 1872 Spurlock Damron married Lucy Pickelsimer, Louisa, Laurence Co., Ky.

Spurlock Damron was appointed surveyor of Hurricane Gap Road, 1850, Pike Co., Ky.

Spurlock Damron was exonerated, 1833, Pike County Order Books.

Spurlock received a deed for land from Lewis Trout, Mar. 6, 1847, 200 acres on Hurricane Creek, Pike Co., Ky.

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MARTHA AND SOLOMON K. DAMRON

VII. SOLOMON K. DAMRON, son of Spurlock Damron and Sarah Trout, was born Mar. 12, 1849. His marriage in 1857 is on p. 1769, Prestonburg, Ky. Marriage Records. In 1848 he was appointed constable of the Town Precinct, Pikeville, Ky.. He was Justice of the Peace, resigning in 1852, and was Deputy Sheriff the same year. In 1854 he was appointed Commissioner, and in the same year Surveyor of Public Roads. In 1856 he qualified as County Court Clerk. In 1857 he was appointed commissioner to repair the court house, and in 1858 was Commissioner to examine the tax and Dep. County Clerk. In 1860 he was appointed patrolman, and in 1865 was County Treasurer, Pike Co., Ky. The Deed Books of Pike Co., Ky. show that in 1851 he received a deed from Reubin May and wife for a lot in Pikeville, and in 1855 bought a lot from John D. Mims, also in 1857 from Nancy Honaker. Another lot was bought from Geo. N. Brown 1857. On Mar. 7, 1858, he bought 40 acres on Hurricane Creek from Lazarus Damron. In 1868 Martha and Solomon K. Damron sold 100 acres on Daniel Creek to Joseph M. Davidson, and 258 acres on Sandy River to James H. Hatcher.

Mackey's History of Greenup County, Ky., says p. 150 that he brought his family from Pike County to Greenup in April, 1871. He bought the John L. Mackey farm at Siloam. His wife Martha Ann Layne, b. 1833, had the following children: Mary, Belle, Annie, James, Joseph Randolph, Robert O., and Richard. James was a merchant in Catlettsburg where he m. Emma Clinefelter 1881 and Edith Beltin. Joseph m. Lucy David Biggs and lived in Huntington, W.Va. Richard m. Nhola Peters and lived in Montgomery, W.Va. Robert O. m. Mollie Gordon and remained on the farm.

THE SPURLOCK DAMRON BRANCH

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who had a land grant in 1652, Northumberland Co., Va.
II. GEORGE, who m. Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis, of Northumberland Co., Va.
III. LAZARUS, m. Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Smith. He died Albemarle Co., Va.
IV. MOSES, 4th generation, who inherited his father's place in Albemarle Co., Va.
V. LAZARUS, Indian scout and Revolutionary soldier, who fought at Kings Mountain, and came from Russell Co., Va. to Floyd Co., Ky. with six sons before 1804. His wife was Nairy McInery, and his sons Moses, Samuel and George moved to West Va.
VI. RICHARD DAMRON, who was either the son or brother of Lazarus, had a land grant on Shelby Creek 1808, and d. 1828 in Pike Co., Ky. He was in Russell Co. 1796.
VII. SPURLOCK DAMRON, son of Richard, according to Mrs. J. C. Reynolds of Independence, Ky. Route 1, Box 184, who has the Family Bible. Spurlock Damron was born Sept. 13, 1813, and died July 24, 1870. He married Sarah Trout Aug. 4, 1836, Harold Johnston, minister. She was b. May 6, 1813. The Bible lists the following:

1. John Damron b. May 7, 1837, d. Oct. 19, 1912, m. Malinda C. Compton b. Dec. 31, 1848, and had thirteen children. He lived on Hurricane Creek.
2. Christian Damron b. May 12, 1838. He m. Caroline M. Blair (?) 1860.
3. Lewis P. Damron, who was killed in the Civil War, Sept. 21, 1863. B. 1840, 6-9.
4. Rebecka Damron b. Apr. 9, 1842, m. Robert Damron, a 2d cousin.
5. Minty J. Damron b. May 21, 1845. Rev. John A. Damron said: "Some time before the Civil War I had a aunt by the name of Minta Damron that disappeared and was never heard of since. I had a first cousin by the name of Dee Damron that left this country and went somewhere in Texas, maybe bought a ranch." He said that Dee wrote to his uncle John to identify himself in receiving a legacy, and proved his claim.
6. William A. Damron, b. Apr. 6, 1847.
7. Solomon K. Damron b. Mar. 12, 1849. He seems to be named for Solomon King Damron who went to Greenup Co., Ky. from Pike about 1868-71 and m. Martha Ann Layne. I believe Solomon King was the common ancestor of the Kentucky Damrons. There were Kings in Albemarle Co., Va. and also in other places with the Damrons. Richard seems to have married a Spurlock, a King or a Ratliff.
8. Rice S. Damron b. Jan. 21, 1851, and had ten children.
9. Mary C. Damron b. Feb. 12, 1853.
10. Sarah E. Damron b. July 27, 1855.
11. Pernina Damron b. Aug. 27, 1858.

The above John Damron was a captain in the Civil War. His son Louis P. Damron b. Nov. 20, 1869, died Aug. 11, 1938, who had a son Wayne of Ashland, Ky. and a daughter, Mrs. Joe James, Kenova, Ky. Route 2, in Fleming Co. Wayne said his other relatives were Logan Damron near Boldman and Josh Damron. Christian Trout lived on Hurricane Creek, and was the first man to send coal out of that region. He was the father of Sarah Trout. James Damron deeded to Christian Trout, 1833, 40 acres on Hurricane Creek. Sarah and Spurlock Damron made a deed to Lewis Trout 1847, for their interest in the Christian Trout Estate.

VIII. RICE S. DAMRON, b. Jan. 21, 1851, son of Spurlock and Sarah Trout Damron, died in 1897. According to the following genealogy compiled by the Hascal Damron family by his daughter, Rice married Lucy Picklesimer and had six boys and four girls:

1. John L. Damron who married Janie Blair. (Pike Co. records show the marriage of John L. Damron 1892 to Bertha J. Blair.)
2. Fred Damron, who never married.
3. Sol Damron.
4. Kola Damron.
5. Josh Damron.
6. Arlin Damron, who committed suicide.
7. Sarah, who lefthome when young and was never heard of again.
8. Mary, who married Will Williams.
9. Rosa, who married George Owens.
10. Nina Damron.

THE DESCENDANTS OF JOHN L. DAMRON

IX. JOHN L. DAMRON, son of Rice S. Damron, and grandson of Spurlock, married Bertha Jane Blair 1892, and they had three sons and four daughters. John L. Damron enlisted as a volunteer in the Spanish-American War 1898, Company K, Kentucky Regiment.

1. Bertram Damron, born 1894, is an old Regular Baptist Preacher. He married Ella Tackett and had three sons and two daughters:

(1) Hascal Damron born 1915, married Mary Leah Mitchell. They have one boy and two girls--John Paul was born 1941. Jeanette was born in 1937 and married Leon Bentley in 1956. Juanita Lou was born in 1938. Hascal's address is RFD 3, Box 573, Pikeville.
(2) Fred Damron, son of Bertram, born 1917, married Evelyn Harrison.
(3) Gene Damron b. 1938.
(4) Joan Damron married Butler Newsome.
(5) Nella Mae Damron married Chester Bartley.

2. Miles Damron, son of John L. Damron, was born in 1906 and married Dixie Brown. He was shot by accident or in suicide.

3. Cordell Damron, son of John L. Damron, was born in 1909 and married Martha Anderson. His address is Route 3, Pikeville, Ky. "He is a Jack-of-all-Trades, and is also an inventor having made some inventions and given them to the Federal Government in the Second World War--the electronic device to block the enemy communications, also the Damron's Rear View Periscope and the reflecting type plumb bob." This was sent by Mrs. Hascal Damron.

4. Emma Damron, daughter of John L. Damron, married Noah Lucas.
5. Jessie Damron married Bill Johnson.
6. Mamie Damron married Howard Spurlock.
7. Florence Damron married Eldon Rowe.

Mrs. Hascal Damron wrote: "C. L. Damron gave me this information: Rice Damron, the father of John L. Damron, the years of 1875 to 1878, worked for a man by the name of Dock Ferguson in Floyd County, Kentucky,near Harold, Kentucky. They built a real big wheel that operated by gravity. They called it a perpertal (perpetual) motion. The large wheel was about 39 feet in diameter and when the wheel was started it would run for several days before coming to a stop, and no one has invented the perpetual motion but the Damron and Ferguson wheel as to some of the old history cases as close as any one has come to making a perpetual motion. To this day some of the patent attorneys in their advertising books still show a drawing of the Ferguson wheel.

"Rice Damron seemed to be the brains of the invention but only worked for Ferguson, so they called it the Ferguson Wheel. Some of the younger generations of the Damrons can remember seeing the wheel, or some of the remains of the wheel about 1900 in the old Ferguson barn. Bertram Damron, a grandson of Rice now living at Route 3, Pikeville, Ky., says he can remember seeing the old wheel which his grandfather helped build."

Hascal Damron told us he had been a miner and secretary of the Union and was now a carpenter, and that Bertram and Cordell Damron had also been miners and carpenters, as many of the Damrons were, he said. The pattern seems to be to work in the mines and later to retire and do farming or other work. These valleys are very narrow and the roads are too narrow for two cars to pass in most places, but we were told the local people did not want them improved as there was too much traffic on the roads now. The local residents seem to love their valleys and to prefer their life to any other, including the boys who have been overseas and away from home for a time. The creeks are very small streams and the houses are usually built close to them. Farming is done on the hillsides chiefly, so far as I could see. But the landscape is very pretty and they have a good life, working when they are young and retiring to their valleys when they are older. They have television there, and Pikeville is a very modern town. The mines employ all local labor, I was told.

SOLOMON KING DAMRON AND JULINA FRANCES COLEMAN

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who had a land grant, Northumberland Co., Va. 1652.

II. GEORGE, who inherited his father's Guarding Point plantation in Northumberland.

III. LAZARUS d. Albemarle Co., Va. 1749, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Richard Smith. Their sons were Richard, John, Moses, George. Richard had no children.

IV. MOSES, 4th generation, inherited his father's Albemarle plantation. His sons were Lazarus, Moses, probably Capt. John Damron b. 1757, and Richard was either his son or grandson, and the son of Lazarus. Moses d. 1828 on a trip to Illinois, leaving orphan children of his second wife, Jennie Mullins, named Moses, who was crippled, Sarah m. Thomas Owens, William, Solomon, Louisa, Elizabeth, oldest b. 1813.

V. LAZARUS DAMERON, Revolutionary soldier who fought at Kings' Mountain. He married Nairy McInery. He came about 1804 to Kentucky with six sons, three of whom were Moses, Samuel and George who went to Wayne Co., W.Va. Moses m. Polly Preston 1811.

VI. RICHARD DAMERON, had a grant on Shelby Creek 1808, d. 1828, Pike Co., Ky. He was either the brother or son of Lazarus. He was in Russell Co., Va. 1796. Mrs. J.C. Reynolds of Route 1, Box 184, Independence, Ky. says Richard was the father of Spurlock. Opal Damron Smith, 524 Peter St., Williamson, W.Va. says Spurlock's father was Moses D. Damron who married Sarah Adkins. She sent the following data: "On July 16, 1929, my grandfather, Solomon King, gave me a good bit of information. I have carefully guarded this little paper ever since. He was visiting us in Russell Co. and was then 81 but of sound mind. He died in Feb. of the next yr. It goes like this 1. Moses D. 2. Spurlock 3. Solomon King. 4. Moses Spurlock."

VII. SPURLOCK DAMRON b. Sept. 13, 1813, d. July 24, 1870, m. Aug. 4, 1836, to Sarah Trout, b. May 6, 1813. Her parents were Christian Trout who fought in the War of 1812, his wife Sarah Gearhart. Children: John, fought in Civil War as a Yankee, m. Linda Compton; *Christian m. Matilda Blair; Lewis P. killed in the Civil War; Rebecca, m. 2nd cousin Robert Damron; Minty Jane m. Bill Lanie; Will Auxier m. Sallie Michell, they had no family; Solomon K. m. Julina Frances Coleman; Rice Spurlock m. Lucy Picklesimer, moved to Louisa; Katie m. Tom Moore; Sarah m. Harve Coleman, brother to Julina; Pernina m. Jim Ramsey.

VIII. SOLOMON KING DAMRON b. March 12, 1849, d. Feb. 8, 1931, married Aug. 25, 1873, to Julina Frances Coleman, her grandfather Peter; her father Daniel Coleman, his wife Bertha Adkins. Children:

1. Mintie Myram m. Grant Martin.
2. John Hays Damron.
3. Moses Spurlock m. Laura Mildred Johnson.
4. James Boone Damron.
5. Joel Damron m. Alta Potter.
6. Eveline m. Daniel Damron.
7. Linda Ella m. Joe Roberts.
8. Laura m. Arvel Coleman.
9. Lawrence m. Mable Ervin of Russell Co., Va.
10. Bethena, died young.
11. Nina m. Manning Hunnicut.
12. Millie Florence m. Brach Newsom.
13. William Damron.

IX. MOSES SPURLOCK DAMRON, m. Laura Mildred Johnson, Children:

1. Emmette Gould, living at Nickelsville, Va. b. June 16, 1906, m. Mary Kate Stapleton.
2. Nannie Opal b. Oct. 20, 1909, m. Otis S. Smith, Williamson, W. Va.
3. Fred Ratliff b. June 7, 1912, m. Mary Browning.
4. Opha Mae b. July 27, 1916, m. Joseph S. Cassell of Mountain Home, Ark.
5. Anna Lynn b. July 16, 1918, m. Albert Statzer of Castlewood, Va.

Moses Spurlock Damron was b. Nov. 11, 1883, d. Dec. 18, 1929, and was married July 8, 1905, to Laura Mildred Johnson of Russell Co., Va. who was b. April 14, 1882, parents Christopher Columbus Johnson and Sarah Jane Evans.

6. Glenn Creear b. March 9, 1921 m. Pauline Innas.
7. Lois June Damron b. May 7, 1924, m. John Horne, Jr. Parkersburg, W.Va.

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VIII. CHRISTIAN DAMRON m. Caroline M. Blair. Children: 1. Joannah, who m. R.T. May; 2. John C. who m. Margret Damron, daughter of John Wess; 3. Margret m. James Damron, brother of Bob, son of Moses D.; 4. Frankie m. Miles Coleman.

IX. MARGRET DAMRON who m. James Damron, had the following children: 1. John Fitch m. Lydia Compton; 2. Emory m. Callie Compton; 3. Charles d. age 18; 4. Madge, m. Ruey Culberson. John Fitch Damron had ten children: Edna Earl, Margret, Gertrude, Atha, Ruby Lois, Robert Lee, Ruth Lillian, Fitch, Jr., Rebecca Jean, James Curtis,

THE RICHARD DAMRON FAMILY

I. LAWRENCE, who was in Northumberland County, Va. by 1652, wife Dorothy.
II. GEORGE, m. Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis, inherited Guarding Point.
III. LAZARUS DAMERON m. Elizabeth Smith, He.d. Albemarle Co., Va. 1749.
IV. MOSES, inherited his father's estate in Albemarle Co.
V. RICHARD, who moved to Floyd Co., Ky. by 1808. It was thought a will for him was in existence, but the Clerk at Pike ville, Ky. wrote: "I do not find the will asked about on record in this office. I find entered as a motion in court at the March term in 1828,"ordered that John Bevins, Caleb Bailey, William Owens, and William Adkins or any three of them after being duly sworn, acting do appraise the personal estate of Richard Dameron, deceased, and report to court, according to law. I didn't notice the report. M.R. Riddle, D.C."
VI. SPURLOCK DAMRON, b. 1813, d. 1870, m. Sarah Trout, 1836, Pike Co., Ky. Rev. John A. Damron, age 72, 1954, wrote: "My grandpa on my mother's side was Spurlock Damron and his wife's name was Sarah Trout. He was borned 1813 in Pike Co. Ky. Some of my grandpa's brothers names: John Damron, Richard Damron, Elisha Damron, borned about 1800, W. M. Damron, Mose Damron. Some of my grandpa's children' names: John Damron who lived and died on Hurricane Creek in Pike Co., Ky., Christian Damron, Rice Damron, died in Lawrence Co., Ky. P. Damron was killed in the Civil War. He was a Yankee soldier in 1863. My mother's name was Rebecca Damron. She was married to Robert Damron in 1859."

Harrison Damron, Route 1, Box 835, Pikeville, Ky., is the grandson of William Damron who died around 1896. His father, James H. Damron, was born 1859, died in March, 1891. He said "Robert Damron (born 1837, died 1927), Wilson Damron and William Damron were Yankee soldiers." He said Elisha Damron was born about 1800, who appears to be his great-grandfather, and the brother of above Spurlock Damron who married Sarah Trout. Harrison Damron was b. July 23,1889, at Yeager, Pike Co.,Ky.

Elisha Damron had a son Samuel Henry Damron, and the latter was the father of P. K. Damron, a lawyer in Pikeville, whose son Henry C. Damron, a Pikeville lawyer, lives on Beef Hide Creek. Moses of Twelve Pole Creek also had a son Elisha.

In April, 1875, the will of Elisha Damron, left his estate to wife Sally, with son W.G. Damron as executor, Pike Co., Ky. B., 93.

Mrs. John A. Damron of Yeager, Pike Co., Ky. wrote: "I am 72 years old myself and my father was the late Rob Damron an old regular babtist preacher died near Yeager,Kentucky, Feb. 1927, and my grandfather was Abraham Damron died near Greenbriar, W.Va. Some time before the Civil War I had a Aunt by the name of Minta Damron that disappeared and was never herd of since. I had a first cousin by the name of Dee Damron that left this country and went somewhere in Texas maybe bought a ranch. Some time this comming August there will be a Damron Reunion near Elkhorn City, Kentucky."

The Pike County, Ky. deeds show that Abraham Damron deeded to Henry Weddington Oct. 26, 1827, a tract on Sandy River, A, 275. Again Abram and Elizabeth Damron deeded to James Honaker, Mar. 22, 1830, a tract on the Sandy River.

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I do not know what relation there is between the above and Moses D.or Dee Damron, who lived on Shelby Creek, Pike Co., son of James Damron, of Shelby Creek. James had a brother named Bill. The children of Moses D. Damron were: Robert, living on Shelby Creek, Yeager, Ky., the only living son, James, John, Jerome, Molly, Elizabeth (Mrs. Whitman, College St., Pikeville, Ky.), Lou (Mrs. George Pinson, 261 Scott Ave., Pikeville, Ky.), Myrtle, Mrs. D. T. Keel, Scott Avenue, Pikeville, Ky., Gertrude, who married a Damron. Mrs. Walter Hatcher, Pikeville, Ky. dau. of Mrs. Whitman, said Moses D. had no brothers and was not related to the other Damrons closely.

THE JOHN DAMRON FAMILY

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who had a land grant in Northumberland Co., Va. 1652.
II. GEORGE DAMERON, who inherited Guarding Point in Northumberland Co., Va.
III. LAZARUS m. Elizabeth Smith, dau. of Richard. He died Albemarle Co.,Va.1749.
IV. MOSES, 4th generation, who inherited his father's Albemarle plantation.
V. LAZARUS, Revolutionary soldier, who came to Kentucky with six sons.
VI. RICHARD, who had a land grant on Shelby Creek, 1808, and d. 1828 Pike Co.,Ky. He was in Russell Co., Va. in 1796. Children: Richard Jr., Spurlock, William, Moses, John etc.

VII. JOHN DAMRON, who married Nancy Branham Jan. 25, 1821, Floyd Co., Ky. In 1821, Sept. 29, Moses Damron was grantee for land from JOHN DAMRON, grantor, 25 acres on Shelby Creek. In 1837 John Damron was appointed surveyor of Caney Creek. In Floyd Co., Ky. 1815, John Damron had a suit against John Hackworth etc. to eject them from illegally occupying his land on Linicy Fork of the Big Sandy. He was the devise of Richard Damron and brought suit for Richard. The suit occupys 46 pages of court records. There was also a suit in Pike Co., Ky. S. K. Damron vs. JOHN DAMRON, referring to Solomon King Damron no doubt, Order Book 1811-1815, p. 73. May Term, 1831, p. 3, has John Damron viewing pasture land. In 1821, Sept. 29, Book a, p. 15, Moses Damron was grantor to John Damron for 25 acres, Shelby Creek, Pike Co., Ky. In 1831, John Damron sold to Thomas May 25 acres on Shelby Creek. In 1840 John Damron sold to William Ratliff 50 acres on Marrowbone Creek. In 1845 John Damron sold 15 acres on Little Creek to Thomas P. May. In 1849 John and Nancy Damron sold land on Caney Creek to John Kinney, and in the same year of 1849 to various people they sold 240 acres more, all on Caney Creek.

Mrs. Cropper wrote she had corresponded with "a brother and sister, John Wess Damron 94 and Cordie Damron Benson, 96. In answer to my questions, they tell me the oldest generation of Damrons they know of was Dick, their great-grandfather, and one named Mose of the same generation. Dick had a son called Buck, and evidently Buck (obviously a nickname) was father of Alex, who was the father of this John Wess and Cordie and others." However, John Wess Damron told Miss Aiken that his father Alex was the son of John Damron.

1.ALEX DAMRON, son of John, married Polly Harris and had the following children:

(1) John Wess Damron who lived near Pikeville. He was born July 19, 1858, and died April 22, 1955, age over 97. His children were: Alex, Sam and J. G. of Pikeville, Ky. John Wess married first Mary Brewer, then Melinda Ford. He lived on Ford's Branch.
(2) Cordelia m. Henson and lived near Pikeville, Ky, where she died age 98 or 99. Miss Aiken said that she had a beautiful face and that John Wess was very handsome, also, with fine features.
(3) Harvey of Ash Camp, Ky., age 77 in 1954. He seems to have had a son Glen, whose son Joe A. Damron of Grundy, Va., came from Robinson's Creek, near Pikeville.
(4) David of Island Creek, Ky., deceased in 1955.
(5) Jake, whose son James lived at Ivel, Ky.
(6) I was also told that Alex had a son Alex, one Will, who was killed in the mines, a daughter Maggie, a daughter Georgie who married a Howell, and a dau. who m. Henry Sherwood. Will was killed at Hellier, Ky. in the mines.

BUCK DAMRON seems to be thefather of Buck and Harve and Will Auxier Damron, the latter living at Clintwood, Va. Conley Damron who runs the Damron & Tiller Store, dry goods, atLebanon, county seat of Russell Co., Va., told me that his father, Floyd, had a brother Harve, and so did his grandfather Buck. Buck's son Harve, brother of Floyd, died at Clintwood, Va. Floyd's brother J. Mat Damron died in Ky. in Pike Co., and his brother Auxier died in Ky. Floyd's two sisters were Lizzie and Ressie. Floyd's only living brother in 1956 was J.C. Damron of Clintwood, Va. Floyd lived at Penny, near Pikeville, Ky. and his sons were Conley, Vernon, Denver, Carter, Chase, Harold, dead, and Ray, dead, in 1956. Conley said John Damron of Buchanan Co. at Keene Mountain was the son of Jim, and John's grandfather and my grandfather were brothers."

NOTES ON PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY

We went to Frankfort to look up what we could find. The Historical Society has the state archivesin the old court house instead of the new one. The following was copied from Willard Rouse Jillson's book, published 1923, John P. Morton Co., THE FIRST SETTLERS FROM THE BIG SANDY:

"Tradition has it that among the very earliestsettlers of the Upper Big Sandy were "Dad" Owen, "General" Rattliff, James Honaker and Kinsey B. Cecil, all of whom settled along the Big Sandy, near the site of Pikeville between 1785 and 1790. In the early fall of 1787 Matthias Harman, one of the traditional "Long Hunters" of Kentucky, accompanied by a party consisting of Henry Harman,Henry Skaggs, James Skaggs, Robert Hawes, SOME OF THE DAMRONS and a man named Draper, in all about twenty men, constructed a rude log hunting camp in a rock-house on the head waters of Big Sandy. The camp unfortunately was located on an Indian trail, resulting shortly afterwards in bringing Harman and his men into an engagement with a mongrel band of warring Shawnee, Cherokee and Delaware Indians... In 1789 the Leslies attempted to make a settlement at the mouth of Paint Creek on the Tug River, but were driven out by the vigilance of the Indians. They returned, however, in 1791, but instead of locating on Pond Creek, they crossed over on to John's Creek, and formed what was later known as the Leslie Settlement. About this time came THE DAMRONS, Harmons, Auxiers, Grahams, Browns, Marcums, Johns, Hammonds, Wedingtons, Morgans, Harrises, Pinsons, Walkers, Williamsons, Marrs, Mayos, Lackeys, Laynes, Prestons, Boarders and many others. In 1793 the Big Sandy and adjacent regions of eastern Kentucky, while legally a part of Mason County, Kentucky, had already become known as District No. 1 Floyd County." (Note: Page 87lists Daniel Camron as residing in Floyd 1793 on the Big Sandy.)

PIKE COUNTY, KY., INDEX TO ESTATES:

Able Damron, adm. Anzie Damron.
Adam Damron, adm. Gertrude D., adm.
Almeda " " Robert Damron.
Amos " minor, Vivian Hopkins, Guardian.
Arnold, Ernest, Ruth Mae, Clara, Raymond Damron, Nancy D. Guardian
Betty, Infant, B. H. Damron, Guardian
Bob, estate, Lena Damron, adm.
Edith Damron, Wayne D. adm.
Elster Damron, Ruby D. adm.
George Dewey D. est. Getrude, adm.
Hayes D. Damron, B. H. Damron, adm.
H.S. Damron, est., Mollie Damron, adm.
Hulda S. Damron, est. Bertha Ratliff, adm.
Damron, Fred, James D. am., Robt. Jr., Martha Ann, minors, Hattie K. Damron, adm.
James M. Damron, Est., Emma D., adm.
J. C. Damron, est. Roxie D., adm.
Loretta, minor; Ethel Meade (?) Guard.

PIKE COUNTY, KY., FISCAL COURT ORDERS FOR THE NAME DAMRON: Damron, John (Christian) 28; J. L. 28; L. T. 34, 41, 92, 141; Wheeler, 34-5; Hibbard, 92-3; John C. 107, 186, 194; Pem 118; M. D. 59; P. S. 133, 135, 194; Adam 134; James 149; W. P. 196; Jno. C. 258; H. 258; W. P. 269; E. Y. 342; John A. 360; H.S ;Set. Hi Pauley 474; P. S. 490, 496; Bob V. 492; Hayes 495; H.S. 515, 618; Damron Bros. 571; J.M.J. Damron, 619.

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Index to Order Book 1811 -1815-- S. K. Damron vs. John Damron p. 73 (Note by H.F.S.--this must be Solomon K. Damron); Wm. M. Damron vs. Curley Smith & Co. 82, 98.

Pike County Deed Book Y: Wilson Damron, grantee from H.E. Yates and wife 606, '91. W. A. Damron, grantor to Orville Curve 107, Book 1891.

May term, 1831: p. 3, John Damron views pasture. William Owens here; Thomas Owens p. 5, Senr. Exec. Order Book: 1823, JAMES DAMRON fee deed Crabtree, 1.25.

MARRIAGES IN PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY

In 1956, Alice Mary Aiken, Harrisonburg, Va. made a trip to Kentucky and to Claiborne County, Tenn. and the Cumberland Gap region. Some of the court houses were closed but we found some additional information in several places. We copied down the following marriages in Pike County, Ky., in addition to those previously mimeographed: Fleming County was formed from Mason Co. in 1798. Floyd was taken from both Fleming, Mason and Montgomery in 1799. Rowan was taken from Fleming 1856. Pike was taken from Floyd. Shelby Creek is today all in Pike County. Miss Aiken copied down "Thos. Damron m. PollyPreston, Mar. 28, 1811," Floyd Co., Ky. but this must be a mistake as the former record shows it was Moses Damron.

PIKE COUNTY MARRIAGES:

Damron, Abraham to Sarah Branham, July 6, 1835, by B. H. Johnson.
Damron, Abraham, toPricy Roberts, 1853.
" William, to Ruth Ramsey, 2/17/1847, by George Powell.
" Lazarus to Rebecca Ratliff, 12/31/1846, by Russell Clevenger.
" Jackson to Spicy Roberts, 9/7/1848, by W. M. Tackett.
" Solomon, toFrances Sword, 1/4/1849 by W. M. Tackett.
" Elysha to Sarah Elswick 1/29/1845, by W. M. Tackett.
" Spurlock to Sarah Trout 8/4/1836, by Harold Johnston.
" James to Polly Adkins, 5/1/1836, by Harold Johnson.
" Moses to Charity Adkins, 8/3/1837, by Harold Johnson.
" Lazarus to Jane May 1/7/1839 by W. M. Tackett.
" William to Susan Ratliff, 10/16/1839, by R. Clevenger.
" Christian to Caroline M. Blair (?), 1860.
" Moses to Artie Sturgeon, 1861.
" James to Sara (?) Caudell, 1868.
" John to Malinda C. Compton, 1869.
" Alford J., to Mary E. Kinney, 1879.
" James to Louisa Swinney, 1879.
" James M. J. to Sarah Osborn, 1879.
" James, Jr. to Martha A. Greer, 1877.
" William to Sarah A. Compton, 1877.
" Wright to Aureely Hopkins, 1875.
" John, Jr. to Malvina France, 1874.
" William J., Mr. to Louisa Ratliff, 1874.
" James Sr. to Elizabeth Nickels, 1873.
" Ruben to Polly Branham, 1873.
" Solomon K. to Julina F. Coleman, 1873.
" William J. to Mary D. May, 1873.
" James, Jr. to Rhoda Mullins, 1871.
" Floyd to Mary F. Ratliff, 1882.
" James to Mary Roberts, 1882.
" Lafayett to Ardela McCoy, 1882.
" John W., to Mary Beaver, 1882.
" R. W., to Annie Lambert, 1882.
" William to Elizabeth J. Justice, 1884.
" Caleb to Alcy Branham,1884.
" John to Matilda Casebolt, 1870.
" Albert E. to Liza J. Bartley, 1892.
" John L. to Bertha J. Blair, 1892.
" Albert E. to Liza J. Bartley, 1892.
" Emmett to Mary Ramsey, 1889.
" Emit to Mary Adkins, 1889.
" John to Margarett Damron, 1888.
" Spurlock to Kentucky Casebolt, 1878.
" L. T., to Anna England, 1885.
" James to Emaline Roberts, 1885.
" James to Margret C. D. Damron, 1885.
" Willard to Jennie Tackett, 1905.
" Harve to Lulie McCown,1905.

Samuel H. to Kate C. Owens, 1884.
J. W. to Mollie W. Owens, 1884.
George to Mary Roberts, 1881.
John to Nancy Case, 1880.
Mat to Alafore Newsom, 1899.
Ruben to Jane Martin, 1899.
John to Matilda Robinson, 1899.
James to Rachel N. Hopkins,1898.
Jerome to Bird D. Brewer, 1897.
James to Martha A. Compton, 1896.
J. M. J. to Belle Cantrill, 1896.
Ezekiel to Nancy Deskins, 1896.
P. S., to Frona Damron, 1895.
Joseph to Eva Damron, 1895.
Wauxier to Jane Moore, 1894.
Lee to Mattie E. Porter, 1894.
Caleb to Lucy C. Martin, 1894.
Spurlock to Esther Blair, 1894.
W. Auxier to Jane Moore, 1894.
James to Juda Pauley, 1894.
David C. to Manda E. Robinson, 1891.
Ruben to Nancy Damron, 1891.
Walter to Louisa Blair, 1890.
J. Harve, to Rebecca Ford, 1900.
J. H. to Cora Sanders, 1900.
Samuel to Delpha Elswick, 1900.
Reubin to Mary Mullins, 1901.
John A. to Nonia B. Coleman, 1901.
Jack to Alafore Robinson, 1901.
Magellan to Georgia Thornsbury, 1901.
Bazil to Katy Akers, 1903.
Robert W. to Addie Sword, 1903.
Daniel to Ida Akers, 1903.
Elisha to Arty Tackitt, 1903.
Reece to Sarah Justice, 1905.
Bud to Usley Kinney, 1905.

THE DAMRONS OF PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY

PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, DEEDS:

Moses Damron, Grantor, to John Damron, Sept. 29, 1821,A,15, 25 acres, Shelby Creek.
Abraham Damron, Grantor, to Henry Weddington, Oct. 26,1827, Tract, Sandy R., A,275.
Abram and Elizabeth Damron, Grantors, to James Honaker, Mar. 22, 1830, Tract,Sandy R.
John Damron, Grantor, to Thomas May, Jan. 8, 1831, 25 Acres, Shelby Cr., A1,166.
Sally and Samuel Damron, Grantors, to Charles Mainor, Nov. 1, 1836, Tract, Bushy Cr.
Sarah and Samuel Damron, Grantors, to Malachi Ferguson, 300 Ac. Bushy Cr. A1,487.
Betsy Damron, Grantor, to William Adkins, Oct. 14, 1837, Int. 120 Ac. Hurricane Cr.
John Damron, Grantor, to William Ratliff, Aug. 14, 1840, 50 Ac. Marrowbone Cr.B 148.
John Damron, Grantor, to Thomas P. May, Apr. 8,1845, 15 Ac. Little Cr., B, 400.
Sarah and Spurlock Damron, to Lewis Trout, Nov. 5,1847, Int. Chr. Trout Est. C 180.
John and Nancy Damron to John Kinney, Sept. 28,1849, Caney Cr., C 291.
" " " to John Vanover, Sept. 30, 1849, 50 ac. Caney Cr., C, 294.
" " " David Branham, Jan. 31, 1849, 50 Ac. Caney Cr. C, 297.
" " " Abraham Branham, Jr. Sept. 27, 1849, 50 Ac. Caney Cr. C, 301.
" " " Henry Newsome, Sept. 27, 1849, 50 Ac. Caney Cr. C, 301.
" " " Sally Robinson, Feb. 6, 1849, Caney Cr. C, 302. 15 acres.
Elizabeth Damron,Grantor, to Elisha Damron, Dec. 31, 1849, 25 ac. Caney Cr. C 320
Jane and Lazarus Damron, to Elisha Adkins, Oct. 28, 1849, Tract. Hurricane Cr. C 360

PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, WILLS: Elisha Damron, p. 93, B; James, 128 B; J.M.J. C 300, 1928.

Will of Elisha Damron: To wife Sally all read estate and personal property and at death be divided among lawful heirs. Son W.G. Damron, Executor. ELISHA X DAMRON, April, 1875. Witness: John May, James P. Marrs.

PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ORDER BOOKS INDEX (16 pp. Damrons in first index.)

Spurlock Damron, Exonerated, 1833, Book B, p. 108.
Sarah " Apt. Guardian, 1833, B, 113.
Morris (or Moses?) Damron, Claim allowed, 1834, B,163.
Samuel Damron, List of Taxable Property, 1835, B. 210.
John Damron, Apt. Surveyor of Caney Creek Road, 1837, B, 271.
John and James Damron, al, apt. appraisers, 1847.
Ruth and William Damron, Concent for Right of Way, 1847, B1, 234.
Solomon K. Damron, Apt. Constable of Town Pct. 1848, B1, 292.
Spurlock Damron, Apt. Surveyor of Hurricane Gap Rd. 1850, B1, 409.
S. K. Damron, Administrator, 1850, B1, 432, Z 631, Zi, 275.
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Solomon Damron, Apt. Deputy Sheriff, 1852, B1, 533.
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Solomon K. Damron, Trustee, 1853, B1, 650.
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Solomon K. Damron, claim allowed, 1853, D, 116,313, G 118.
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PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ORDER BOOKS:

S. K. Damron, Co. Court Clerks Report 1857, Cl, 101.
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S. K. Apt. Dep. Co. Court Clerk, 1858, Cl, p. 155,77, E. 66, 427, W. 362.
William M. Damron, Apt. Constable Dist. No. 2, 1858, Cl, 204.
Solomon K. Damron, Fined, 1858, Cl, 206,207.
William M. Damron, Land Warrant, 1859, Cl, 233, F 481, 16,158,315,326,416,417.
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S. K. Damron, apt. Patrolman, 1860, Cl, 330.
Samuel Damron, Surveyor of Shelby Creek Road, 1860, cl,373.
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John Damron, Apt. Dep. Co. Court Clerk, 1865, D 62,136,340; G 135, B j, 163.

PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, PIKEVILLE, KY. DEEDS--Grantee index:

John Damron, Grantee, from Elizabeth Branham al, Sept. 28,1849, 50 Ac. Caney Cr.C 296
Elisha Damron, from Elizabeth Damron, Dec. 31, 1849, 25 Acres Caney Creek, C 320.
Spurlock Damron from Lewis Trout, Sept.24,1850, C. 377, 50 ac. Hurricane Creek.
Solomon K. Damron, from Reubin May & wife, Oct. 22, 1851, C. 513, Lot Pikeville.
William Damron, from William Ford and wife, Oct. 9, 1854, 150 ac. Shelby Cr. D 130
Solomon K. Damron from John D. Mims & wife Oct. 20, 1855, D. 249, 1/2 ac. Pikeville
" " " from Nancy Honaker, Mar. 23, 1857, lot, Pikeville, D. 329
" " " " Geo. N. Brown, Oct. 3,1857, lot Pikeville, D. 409
Elisha Damron, Polly Kinney, Sept. 27, 1858, tract Robinsons Creek, E, 89.
" " from Polly Kinney, Sept. 27, 1858, Tract. Robinsons Cr. E. 90.
Solomon K. Damron from Lazerous Damron, Mar. 7, 1858, 40 Ac. Hurricane Cr. #, 190.

PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, MARRIAGES:

1836 Damron Spurlock to Sarah Trout.
1839 " Lazras to Jane May.
1845 " E. Elisha to Sarah Elswick.
1846 " Lazarus to Rebecca Ratliff.
1847 " William to Rutha Ramsey.
1848 " Jackson to Spicy Roberts
1848 " Solomon to Frances Sword
1854 " William to Elizabeth Branham
1835, Abram to Sarah Branham.

1836 James Damron to Polly Adkins
1837 Moses " Charity Adkins
1853 Abraham " Pricy Roberts
1855 Harvey " Mary A. Maynard
1857 John W. Elizabeth McCowan
1857 Spurlock " Merrinda Roberts
1859 Robert " Rebecca Damron
1860 William M. " Elizabeth Branham.
(given above under a different date.)

PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, DEEDS, Grantee index, only earliest were copied:

Moses Damron, Grantee, from John Damron, Grantor, Sept. 29, 1821, 25 ac.Shelby Cr. Book A, p. 14.
Samuel Damron, Grantee, from John Dean, June. 5, 1830, 150 Ac. Bushy Cr. A, 1, 167.
Lazarus Damron, Grantee, from James Damron and wife, Oct. 4, 1842, 75 ac. Hurricane Cr.
Spurlock Damron, from Lewis Trout, Mr. 6,1847, 200 Ac. Hurricane Cr. C 160.

PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, LAW ORDERS: Book A, p. 107: Report of a road as viewed and marked from Moses Damrons oldplace to the seat of justice at Elijah Adkins is received by the court and William Ratliff Senr. Superintendent from the County seat at Elijah Adkins to Moses Damrons old place and that he call on William Gannon Daniel Gannon William Ferguson John Justice Marriman Magee for hands James Branham Cornelius Roberts Thomas Johnson Samuel Hall Isham Mullins and Thomas Hammelton and also William Mays Surveyor and their hands to assist him to open the same according to law cut smooth fifteen feet and dig six feet where diging is necessary and report June Court according to law."

THE DESCENDANTS OF LAZARUS DAMRON IN WEST VIRGINIA

By Luther F. Damron

LAZARUS DAMRON, the Revolutionary War hero and Indian Scout, was a son of Moses of Albemarle County, Virginia, where he was born. In order to have been the active hero that he was during the Revolutionary War, he must have been born in 1755, plus or minus a few years. After the war, he lived in Russell County, Virginia, and subsequently moved to Floyd County, Kentucky. A deed executed by him and his wife shows her name as Nancy, but it is believed that her name was Nairy McInery. This given name was popular in the second and third generation of his descendants. In later years he gave testimony as a witness in a trial in Floyd County,Kentucky, in which he testified that he settled in that county in 1804. It is believed that he had six sons, three of whom settled and remained in Kentucky (and whose names are unknown to this writer), and some time in the 1820's the other three settled in what is now Wayne County, West Va. It is with this latter three and their descendants that the writer is familiar. Their names were Moses, Samuel and George. This is not necessarily the order of their birth.

1. SAMUEL, settled on the left fork of Twelve Pole Creek in Wayne County and was the father of George W. Damron (and others). His son George W. was the father of Judge James Damron and William Damron. This Samuel never lived at Fort Gay, or Cassville, as it was then called.

2. GEORGE, settled in the place where the village of Dunlow now stands. This is on the main branch of Twelve Pole Creek. I am not personally familiar with his descendants, but believe it would be comparatively easy to check some of them.

3. MOSES, the other son settling in Wayne County is my own ancestor. He and his brothers were most likely born in Russell County, Virginia, and accompanied their father, Lazarus, to Floyd County, Kentucky, in 1804. Moses married Polly Preston there on March 28, 1811. They had at least three sons, Samuel, Lazarus and John. These three later made their homes at Cassville (Now Fort Gay), West Va. My father, Arnold, knew all three of them, and some of the children of each of them.

Moses settled about five miles farther up Twelve Pole Creek from his brother, George, and about the place where Cabwaylingo State Park is today. Either prior or subsequent to coming to Wayne County, sometime in the1820's, he became a widower, and took as his second wife Rhoda Sadler. They had sons: George, Thomas, Elisha, William, David, Wash., and Richard. Also prior or subsequent to coming to Wayne County, Moses may have spent some time in the West. At least several of his sons did. George and Thomas both spent some time in Arkansas. They may have gone there with their father (improbable) or they may have gone as a result of experiences related to them by him.

(1) SAMUEL, was the oldest of the children of above Moses and Polly. He was born March 18, 1812, died May 25, 1905. He was married three times. By his first wife, whose maiden name was Vashtie Jarrell, he had at least two sons, Moses and James. (This Moses was the father of Fillmore Damron, who was known to the writer. Samuel by his second wife, Caudice (Visey-Dicey) Copley had three sons: the oldest was Wayne, the next Lafayette, and the youngest was Jamison (Jemmison). My father thinks they also had four daughters but he does not remember their names. My father does not remember the name of the third wife of Samuel but thinks it was Mary. From others we learn it was Mary Newman or Luman.

(2) LAZARUS, son of Moses and Polly, had at least one son, Zeke (Ezekiel), known to my father. He may have had other children.

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(3) JOHN, the other son of Moses and Polly, settlingin the vicinity of Cassville (now Fort Gay), had at least twp sons: John (Long John) and Matthew. These two were known to the writer, personally. Matthew married Lydia Herald and they left quite a large family, most of whom, I believe are still living: Jamison, Lafayette, William (killed in World War I), Wayne, Anderson, and probably one or two more boys, in addition to several girls.

It should be noted that these sons of Moses all lived in the vicinity of Fort Gay and that this Samuel is the only one of that name who did live there. The other Samuel, who settled on the left fork of Twelve Pole, was a brother to his father, Moses.

(4) RICHARD, son of Moses and Rhoda, was born 1830, died 1906. He lived all his life at the place where his father settled. The cabin built by his father, Moses, was the first ever built on Twelve Pole Creek. Lazarus, the father of Moses, may have made trips to Wayne County before and after his three sons settled there, but if he ever lived there my father has no knowledge of it.

Richard married Nancy Marcum and they had three sons: John, 1856-1951, George born 1865, and Arnold, my father, born 1868. Both George and Arnold are still living. The daughters of Richard and Nancy were: Bethany, Allie, Hulda, Nairy, and Vashtie. Aunt Nairy was the last survivor of the girls. She died in 1952.

i. JOHN, the oldest son of Richard and Nancy, had three sons: (1) Wayne, prominent in politics and business in Southern West Virginia; associated for a number of years with Dr. Henry D. Hatfield (ex-governor of West Va.) in the ownership of hospitals. Wayne had two daughters, no sons: (2) Richard, in insurance business near Huntington, has one son and one daughter; (3) George, died about 1924, leaving widow (Clytie) and one son, now living in Roanoke, Va.

ii. GEORGE, second son of Richard and Nancy, has two sons: George, lives in Detroit; John, lives in Ohio.

iii. ARNOLD, youngest of the sons, married Ida Finley. They had five boys and one girl: Della, Henry, Walter, Luther F., Millard C., and Bernard. Henry and Bernard are dead. Della, who married Charles Mahone of Virginia, has no children. Walter, who married Vesta White of Mingo County, has one son. Millard, who married Ruth Brown of Mingo County, has five young sons, together with my father and mother live on Twelve Pole Creek near the early settlements of Moses.

My mother's mother was Mary Virginia (Polly) Kirk, daughter of Joseph Kirk, Yankee captain in the Civil War. His son, James, served under him as a private. After the War, James lived at Inez, Ky. Andy, another son of Joseph, for the last several years of his life was an attorney at either Pikeville or Prestonburg, Ky. (I believe the latter). As judge and attorney he had interesting experiences with the Hatfield-McCoy feuders. My mother's father was George Washington Finley, son of James Finley, who also lived all his life on the left fork of Twelve Pole Creek, near where Samuel Damron, son of Lazarus the Indian scout, lived.

There is a tradition among those of my father's generation, and I have heard it from ones senior to him by several years, that Lazarus (the Indian scout) and his sons came from Virginia, and they were the only ones of the Damron name to settle in the mountains of Kentucky and West Virginia. Tradition in the early days of that mountain country carried a lot of weight. Most always, it replaced Bureaus of Vital Statistics, and often many other official records. Court records and various official registers of Floyd and Pike Counties also make mention of a Richard Damron, a James, and a Joseph, in addition to Samuel and Moses, whom we know to have later settled on the two Twelve Pole Creeks in Wayne Co., W.Va.

MOSES DAMRON OF TWELVE POLE CREEK, WEST VIRGINIA

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON m. Dorothy ____, lived in Northumberland Co., Va. 1652.
II. GEORGE m. Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis, and inherited father's estate.
III. LAZARUS m. Elizabeth Smith, d. 1749 Albemarle County, Va.
IV. MOSES, who inherited his father's estate on Damron Creek and Red Bank, Albemarle County, Va. His sons were: Moses, Lazarus, Richard, probably Capt. John.
V. LAZARUS, Indian scout and Revolutionary soldier of Russell Co., Va. He was in Floyd Co., Ky. 1804, settling near Boldman, then moved to Twelve Pole Creek where he built the first cabin. The Court Orders of Cabell Co., W.Va. 1814-1820, have an item: "Tue. 22, Sept. 1818, Book 1, p.305: Ordered that Stephen Marchum be appointed overseer of the road leading from the mouth of Lick Creek Branch to Josiah Marcums and that ___ Williams William Astrip Benj. Serry James Wileman Samuel Webb Joseph Robertson LAZARUS DAMREL RICHARD DAMREL William Brumley William Cox Ambrose Watts James Vincent Elijah Donathan Vanswearingin John Nivens Joseph Nivens Jacob Marcum John Marcum James Bale Robert Ball & Josiah Marcum do aid and assist him in keeping the same in repair." (Note: Damrel was a common spelling for Dameron in the early days.) Wayne was formed from Cabell County.

I. MOSES, son of Lazarus. Moses Dameron married Polly Preston March 28, 1811, in Floyd Co., Ky. minister R. Haws (1,15,304). Moses owned a great deal of land on Twelve Pole Creek, Wayne Co., W.Va. Arnold Damron of Dunlow, W. Va. told A.A. that his father Richard married Nancy Marcum and his grandfather Moses married Rody Sadler, his greatgrandfather Lazarus's wife he did not know. He said: "Samuel Damron and Lazarus Damron of Ft. Gay were children of Lazarus' first wife and half brothers to my father. I think the mother of Sam and Lazarus was ___ Preston. My father's own brothers were George, Tom, Lice, Bill, Dave and Wash. My greatgrandfather never came to W. Va.--came to Va. and settled in Va. My grandfather Moses lived about two miles from my place here on Twelve Pole Creek. He had about 1,000 acres and when old went to Arkansas and lived about fifty miles from Little Rock. Great-grandfather's children--three settled in Pike Co., Ky. and three in Wayne Co., W.Va. I belong to the Wayne Co. group. It was all Virginia at that time. The Damrons were mostly Baptist."

Arnold's son, Luther F. Damron, of 2409 Hirst Terrace, Havertown,Penna., wrote Nov. 20, 1954: "The little part of the Damron history that I know I believe to be quite authentic, as it has been told to me numerous times not only by my father and his two older brothers, George and John, but by numerous other old settlers I knew there some forty years ago, most of whom at that time were in their seventies. Their stories coincide remarkably well with your own "Descendants of Lazarus Damron" and it goes about as follows:

"Lazarus Damron came to this country (Ft. Gay-Louisa area) from Virginia. He had several sons, some of whom settled in Kentucky, the others in Wayne County (or what is now Wayne County, West Va..) One of the sons settling on Twelve Pole Creek with him was Moses. Moses had several sons, among whom were George, Thomas, Elisha, William, David, Washington, and Richard. Richard married Nancy Marcum and they had three sons and several daughters. John, the oldest son was born 1856, George 1865, and Arnold, my father, born 1868. The latter two are still living. Moses, the son of Lazarus and father of Richard, married Rhoda Kerr. Of grandfather Richard's brothers I know that George and Tom spent some time in the West. Tom returned to Wayne County from Arkansas (I believe) where he had killed someone in a duel. He in turn was followed to Wayne County and killed. This Tom wore his hair long in a style later made famous by Buffalo Bill."

The letter of L.F. Damron also states: "I would like to point out that most all the early settlers of that particular region (the mountain areas of Kentucky and West Va.) came there from Old Virginia as hunters and trappers. (Quite likely they were encouraged in this by the Virginia Gov't as they formed an outpost against the Indians and the French.) There were plenty of beaver, otter, and other fur-bearing animals, as well as game for food. This game, plus a few domestic animals, the vegetable gardens and corn patches around their cabin furnished about all they needed for subsistence. However, they did have to import salt, powder and shot, and such other manufactured products as they could afford. Communication with the East, across the mountains, was too difficult. Thus, for the most part they turned to the Ohio River and the South. Boats came up the Ohio and the Big Sandy Rivers to Fort Gay and Louisa. These settlements were the trading centers for settlers of the near-by counties in the two states.

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"There was a Samuel Damron who survived the Civil War (a rebel). He was a cousin of my grandfather Richard. Therefore his father would have been another son of Lazarus and brother of Moses. A couple interesting stories of this Samuel impress themselves on my mind. One was that a fellow soldier beside him in battle was shot in such a manner as to provoke an immediate outburst of laughter from Samuel. Ever after he was known as 'Tee-hee' Sam Damron. Another story is that right after the Civil War he disappeared for a couple years. In that time he had gone to Arkansas and exacted retribution for the murder of his cousin Tom.

"When I was a boy there were quite a few other Damrons in that area, all distant cousins of Dad's, and senior to him by 10to 20 years. To mention but a few, there was a Matthew Damron who married Lydia, also a Damron; another Richard, another John, and a Fillmore. These people were probably second cousins of grandfather Richard

"One thing seems true, that the old timers at least were quite a prolific people and begot children rather late in life. I am impressed with the fact that I had a brother born 1919, and our grandfather Richard 89 years before. Dad at 86 has a grandson less than a year old, and his brother John had children after he was 60 years old."

On Jan. 18, 1955, he wrote: "Fortunately my father notonly knew Rediford's grandfather Samuel, but knew many of his children, and as you will note we are related through the Caudice Copley Damron on the Marcum side... Those records up to 1816 mention, in addition to Lazarus, Richard, James, John, Moses, Joseph and Richard, Jr. (The latter we can assume to be a son of the other Richard and grandson of Lazarus.) We can add to this list Samuel and George whom we know to be sons of Lazarus and settled with their brother Moses in Wayne Co., W.Va. Thus we have seven who may have been sons of Lazarus."... Wayne, the son of my father's brother, John, lives in Huntington and is seventy years old. I expect to send him what information I have... When I was about twenty years old, Wayne and I were in business together in Huntington for a short time."

On Dec. 27, he wrote: "We have three daughters, one Mary L. (youngest), is twenty-five, married, lives in Arlington, Va., has a son 7 monthsold. Marjorie, 27, lives near us, has two sons and a daughter, six, four, and one. Miriam, 30, teaches school nearby, but this year is teaching in England, for the one year only. We greatly missed her at Christmas. I have a good looking family, and must try to find a picture to send you...Most of the Damrons I have known have dark brown hair and eyes, though out of every family of four or five children, some will have blue eyes, and most all have blond hair when young. Four out of five boys in our family had blond hair when young...one has gray eyes, two blue, one brother and myself have dark brown ones. Six feet is about the average height (I am 6'2".) I used to have offices in New York. I left W.Va. in 1927, lived in Pittsburgh a couple years..."

JOSIAH SILAS MARCUM

By Luther F. Damron

Referring to the letter of Retta D. Hatfield, 139 S. 20th Ave., Maywood, Ill. L.F. Damron wrote: "Apparently her grandfather was Samuel, son of Moses and Polly Damron, and he was a half-brother (senior by 18 years) of my grandfather, Richard. Her grandfather lived at Cassville (now Fort Gay, W.Va.). The other Samuel, brother of Moses and son of Lazarus, the Indian Scout, lived on the left fork of Twelve Pole Creek, and never lived at Fort Gay--Cassville. The mother of her grandmother, Caudice (Visey-Dicey) Copley was Rebecca. This Rebecca, whose maiden name was Kerr, married a Sadler first, and was left a widow with one daughter, Rhoda. It is believed that all three were born in Scotland. Steve Marcum, a brother of father's grandfather Jacob Marcum, married the widow, Rebecca, and my father's grandfather Moses Damron (also her great-grandfather)married the girl, Rhoda. Both Steven (Stephen) and Jacob were sons of Josiah Silas Marcum, a Revolutionary War soldier who was buried inWayne Co., W. Va.

"Josiah's son Jacob was the father of Nancy, my father's mother. He also had several other children, including daughters Bethany and Betty., and a son Jacob. Josiah's son Stephen had a son named Stephen who was the father of John S. Marcum, one of the most distinguished attorneys ever to practice in Southern West Va., and a son William who was a county judge in Wayne County. My father thinks that the father of Josiah Silas Marcum was Silas who changed his name from MacDonald to Marcum. This Silas MacDonald is supposed to have lived with a family by the name of Marcum (probably reared by them), and adopted their name."

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Mrs. Hatfield wrote as follows; to Mrs. Pearce, who said she was born and reared in Illinois near Franklin Co. May 10, 1951: "My grandpa Samuel was born in 1814 in Virginia. Hisfather's name was Moses; he was married twice. Grandfather's mother was a Herald. Shortly after hearing from the Rev. Mr. Dameron I moved from Williamson to Chicago with my only child and her three children. My daughter died two years ago last January. The older grandson is married and has two little girls. I still have a granddaughter and one grandson with me. In three weeks I will be seventy years old, but like all Damrons I ever knew, I still feel young and never find time for all the things I want to do. I remember my grandfather, Samuel, saying (he was eight years old when his father Moses brought him to the Western part of Va. in 1821) that they had lingered awhile in Russell Co., Va. Grandfather had a brother John--there seems always to be a William--many Georges. One of my great-greats married Nairy or Narra McInerary in Va. 1833 or so. I think the name George is for Washington. Grandfather had a cousin G. Washington. He had a son George W. I just recall that at Williamson there was a young girl named Agnes Thompson, whose mother was Edna Thompson (a Damron). The girl died, but she has a brother Woodrow Thompson still there, and a sister of Judge James Dameron m. an Elkins, a railroad conductor."

In a questionnaire she filled out Mrs. Hatfield wrote that the father of Samuel b. in Va. 1814 was Moses or Lazarus, and said "Judge James Dameron deceased was son of George Washington Dameron, Wayne Co., W.Va. Moses Dameron m. a Miss Herald around 1800 perhaps Russell. She was his second wife, her father's name was unknown and she did not know of any Heralds alive. Samuel named his children Nancy, Vinson, Moses, Jennie, Lisbeth, Thursa, James, Wayne, Mary Anne, Lafayette, Jameson (my father), Florence."

In a letter of Oct. 1952, she said that Samuel came to Wayne Co. 1821. "Grandfather had a brother John, a Tom, and William (who told tall tales). Tom and William went West when young, Texas most of the time..." She said one of her grandfather's sisters married a Preston, from Ky.."Josiah Marcum, properly Markham, was a Rev. soldier, born 5/2/1759 at Chesterfield Co., Va. d. 1852, pension Sur. File No. 8999. The DAR found Josiah Marcum's grave...A cousin has my grandfather's Bible,and I can't locate him.

THE DESCENDANTS OF ABRAHAM DAMRON

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who had a land grant in 1652, Northumberland Co., Va.
II. GEORGE, second generation, m. Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis.
III. LAZARUS m. Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Smith. He died Albemarle Co., Va.
IV. MOSES, who inherited his father's land on Damron Creek, Albemarle Co., Va.
V. LAZARUS, Indian scout and Revolutionary soldier who was at Kings Mountain battle. He moved from Russell Co., Va. to Floyd Co., Ky. with six sons before 1804. His wife was Nairy McInery. His sons Moses, Samuel and George moved to West Virginia.
VI. ABRAHAM DAMRON, who was either the brother or son of Richard Damron. John A. Damron said his parents were 2d cousins, so Abraham would be the brother of Richard. He also said Abraham died in Greenbrier Co., W.Va. In 1828, Feb. Term, Abram Damron entered into bond with Silas Ratliff's son William Ratliff, Sr. in the sum of $3,000 for the administration of the will of Richard Damron, in Pike Co. Court Order Books, p. 262. The will was annexed to the Letters of Administration for Wm. Ratliff, but has not been found so far.

Pike County, Ky. Deeds show a deed from Abram and Elizabeth Damron, Grantors, to James Honaker, Mar. 22, 1830, for a tract on Sandy River; also Abraham Damron, Grantor, to Henry Weddington, Oct. 26, 1827, for a tract of 275 acres on Sandy River. Perhapshe moved to W. Va. then as John A. said he died in McDowell or Greenbrier Counties, W. Va. Pike County Marriage Records show that Abraham Damron married Sarah Branham, July 6, 1835, ceremony by B. H. Johnson. In 1853 Abraham Damron married Pricy Roberts in Pike Co. Rev. John A. Damron said Abraham married first a Branham and second a Roberts but did not remember the first names, and said that Abraham had seven children, of whom six died young, Robert being the only one to live to be of age of the first marriage. He said that Maston Damron was the son of Abraham's youngest wife and that he saw him.

VII. ROBERT DAMRON, son of Abraham and Sarah Branham Damron, died near Yeager, Ky. in Feb. 1927, both he and his wife living to be past 88 years old. Robert married a 2d cousin, Rebecca Damron, daughter of Spurlock[7] Damron (Lawrence[1] George[2] Lazarus[3] Moses[4] Lazarus[5] Richard[6]). Rebecca was b. April 9, 1842, oldest daughter of Spurlock Damron b. 1813, d. 1870, and Sarah Trout. John A. Damron said that Mr. Pickelsimer told him the Damrons were German and came from North Carolina, but this mustrefer to the Trouts, who were German, Christian Trout being the first to bring coal out of the mountains in his region. Robert Damron's children were:

1. Elizabeth who married John Roberts.
2. Mary who married Rich Roberts and second Sol Roberts.
3. Jane who married Gilliam Roberts.
4. Caroline who married Jackson Case.
5. Abraham (Bud), who married Nancy Ratliff.
6. P. Spurlock who married Frona Damron.
7. Kate who married George Mitchell.
8. Adam, who married Gertrude Damron, daughter of Moses Dee Damron b. 1836, who was the son of James Damron of Suckey's Creek.
9. Eve, who married Joseph Damron, then Campbell Adkins.
10. Nina, who married Paris Coleman.
11. John A. Damron, who married Nana (Nonie) Bertha Coleman, and 2d Angeline Prater. He lives on the Yeager Road, Route 3, Box 521, Pikeville, Ky. He is a Regular Baptist preacher, as his father Robert was before him.
12. Robert (Bob) V. Damron, m. Dellia Hughes, then Ann Ferguson.

VIII. REV. JOHN A. DAMRON, son of Robert and Rebecca Damron, was age 73 in 1956. He looks like a typical Damron and the early Damrons must have been similar to him in appearance. During the week he farms a 260 acre farm, the last one on the Yeager Road. His children by Nonie Coleman were: 1. Thomas b. 1902. 2. Gilbert, b. 1904, who was killed in a wreck. 3. Martha b. 1909. 4. Stella b. 1911. 5. Oma b. 1911. 6. George Powell b. 1917. 7. Richard b. 1926. The children of Angeline Prater are: Peter b. 1936. 9. McKinley b. 1941. 10. Elizabeth b. 1943.

Robert Damron was a Union soldier under Lincoln and a Regular Baptist minister, as John A. is at Marrowbone, and nearby congregations. John A. has a niece, Becky, living near him on Route 3, who married Reese Damron, son of Jane and grandson of Jack Damron.

THE DAMERON-OWENS-ADAIR FAMILY OF OREGON

Mrs. Byron Crawford, a Damron descendant, of 9781 S. E. Stanley St., Portland, Oregon, found additional information: "One of Thomas and Sarah Owens' daughters married a Mr. Abraham (no "s"), a merchant of Roseburgin the early days. He advised Dr. Owens Adair to go into the millinery business in Roseburg. Geo. Hill her son graduated in medicine from Willamette University; lived in Golendale, Wash. in the early days. Dr. Owens-Adair practiced medicine in North Yakima for around seven years. Her first office in Portland was in a brick building on 1st St. between Yamhill and Taylor. Dr. Owens-Adair had tree farms near Astoria, surely some of her descendants reside around there. Her father's farm was near Tansy Point. Her only granddaughter, Vera Owens Hill, daughter of George Hill, married Ray Allison Hess.

Another Owens daughter was Mrs. Alvah Pike of Portland, the youngest daughter then--when Dr. Adair's book was published in 1906.

Mrs. Crawford sent the following: "I copied this from a Northwest History. Thomas Owens was born in Tazewell County, Va. in 1808. His father Thomas Owens was b born in Wyeth County, Va. in 1757, and with his family came to Floyd County,Kentucky, in 1814, where he lived to the age of 94. Father Owens as his neighbors called him, was, we are told, a valued citizen, known as a good husband, affectionate father, a kind master. In 1869 Thomas Owens, the Oregon pioneer, wentto California for his health; died at Piety Hill, Calif. July 23, 1873. His faithful wife and nine children remained to mourn his loss. The eldest Diane, already referred to as the first Mrs. John Hobson, was justly styled in her girlhood, as the beauty of the plains. Mrs. Dr. Owens Adair who is highly esteemed by a host of friends throughout our state and the Hon. W. F. Owens of Roseburg receive due mention elsewhere in our pages.

"How wonderful and mysterious are the workings of Providence, the defeat of Charles calledthe Pretender of England, Culloden, caused one of his followers, Sir Thomas Owens, to take refuge with his family in America, and so to make it possible for his great-grandson, our pioneer of Welsh descent, to lay down his life in our far away western land."

Mrs. William Irvine of the Genealogical Forum of Portland, Oregon, address 17007 S. E. Oatfield Road, Milwaukie, Oregon, wrote June 3, 1955, after looking up this family in the Oregon Historical Society: "I soon found that Dr. Bethenia Angeline Owens Adair, daughter of Sarah Damron Owens, was quite a legendary character around Oregon. There were pages and pages written on her which I did not attempt to transcribe, but took only the most pertinent vital statistics." She sent the following:

"Check with Index to Pioneer Records in DAR hands, no record.
Oregon Historical Society--Oregon Pioneer Biographical Files: OWEN, THOMAS, born Tazewell Co., Va. Jan. 12, 1808, settled in Ky. 1814, came to Oregon 1843, route plains; 1st location in Clatsop Co. Occupation farmer, died July 23, 1873.
References in County Histories: THOMAS OWENS, p. 500, History of Pacific Northwest, V. II, p. 500, by Elwood Evans--this was copied above. Thomas Owens m. Sarah Damron; came from Van Buren Co., Mo. to Oregon. Bethenia was b. in Mo. 1840; other ch. Diana m. Mr. John Hobson; Hon W. F. Owens, living in Roseburg." P. 502 has an account of Bethenia Angeline Adair (Owens Hill).

"Found 13 Hills in the Astoria phone book. The first husband of Dr. O. Adair was a Legrand Hill of Roseburg. Thos. Owens & wife Sarah settled at Clatsop Plains near Astoria in 1843, then moved to Roseburg later. Addresses:
SEASIDE OREGON: F. C. Fulton; 235 Beach Drive; C. W. Hill, 241 Beach Drive; Geo. N. Hill, 111 Park; V.E. Hill, Hamlet Rt.; John Adair, Highway 101; Mrs. W. H. Hobson, 921 So. Prom. Newspaper at Seaside is Seaside Signal, 752 Broadway.
ROSEBURG, OREGON: A. Abraham, 1260 Maple St.; Mrs. Isadore Abraham, S. Kane St.; Jack Adair, 301 N. Main St.; Hubert B. Hobson, 126 W. 1stN.; Roy Hill,1231 W.1st.

THE DAMERON-OWENS-ADAIR FAMILIES OF OREGON

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who had a grant in Northumberland Co., Va. in 1652.
II. GEORGE, m. widow of John Dennis, named Elizabeth, of Northumberland Co.,Va.
III. LAZARUS m. Elizabeth, dau. of Richard Smith, d. Albemarle Co., Va. 1749.
IV. MOSES, who inherited his father's plantation in Albemarle Co., Va.
V. MOSES, who bought land in Russell County, Va. 1786, wife named Aggy. He was probably a Revolutionary soldier as his brothers were. He no doubt had land grants for Revolutionary and frontier service--in 1798 Moses Damrel (which is the spelling of Damron sometimes), transferred an entry under Warrant No. 11797, and also an entry under Warrant of the Treasury No. 15172, Russell Co., Va. We do not know allhis children but there was aMoses, Jr.

VI. MOSES DAMRON, JR. sixth generation. In 1798 he was in Fleming Co., Ky. (from which Floyd was cut off), with wife named Sarah, and sold land in Russell Co., Va. to John Tallett, 200 acres, which he had bought in 1796 from John Breeding (Breedon), on Clinch River. This must be the same Moses who m. Jennie Mullins in 1812 and had ch. Moses, Sarah, Louisa, Elizabeth, William, Solomon, the parents dying on a trip to Illinois started in 1826.

VII. SARAH DAMRON, b. in Kentucky Jan. 8, 1818, first daughter of Moses and Jennie Mullins Damron. She lived with her Mullins grandmother when her parents died, and then with an uncle and aunt in Kentucky. At 16 she married Thomas Owens, Sheriff of Pike Co., Ky., of whom there are several noticesin this genealogy. Ch.:

1. Thomas Owens, died in infancy. He was b. in Kentucky.
2. Diana Owens, m. John Hobson. "Ada Hobson, oldest daughter of Diane Owens (dau. of Sarah Owens) married a Chas. W. Fulton. They had a son b. Feb. 8, 1887, Fred C. Fulton. Another Hobson girl m. a Clyde Fulton."(From Mrs. Crawford.) "Chas. W. Fulton was at one time U.S. Senator and also collector of Customs at Astoria under Pres. Cleveland. They had a son born Feb. 8, 1887, Fred C. Fulton who would be 68 yrs. of age now." There was a Dr. A. J. Fulton of Astoria also, a pioneer.
3. Bethinia b. 1838-40, Van Buren Co., Missouri, which is where her parents lived for one and a half years before moving to Platte Purchase, Mo. where a son was born, W. F. Owens. In spring of 1843 theymoved to Independence, Mo. and joined the Oregon immigrants., arriving Christmas Day, 1843. Bethinia Angelino Owens married Legrand Hill, 1854, and had one son, George Hill. She m. second Col. John Adair. (See History of Oregon, V. IV, p. 580, 16 pp.in all, by Joseph Gaston. Her will was filed at Astoria, Ore, where she died Sept. 13, 1826, leaving legacies to relatives. (Oregonian Oct. 1, 1926, p. 7, Portland Library files). Dr. Owens-Adair's son George Hill had a son Victor Adair-Hill.
4. James W. F. Owens, m. Miss Nannie L. Stevens of Ohio in 1864 and had four children. (See. p. 500, History of Pacific Northwest V. II, by Elwood Evans. He lived in Douglass Co. Oregon, Roseburg.
5-9. There were nine children, and the following were listed in the 1850 Census of Clatsop County, Oregon Territory, Family No. 44:

Thos.Owens, age 40, male, farmer, born Ky.
Mrs. Owens, age 32, female, born Ky.
D. M. age 14, female, born Ky.
B. A. age 12 (1840?), female, b. Missouri.
J.F. age 9, male, born Mo.
J. P. age 6, male, born Oregon.
D. J. age 4, female, born Oregon.
M.E. age 2, female, born Oregon.
S. age 1/6, female, born Oregon.
Mr. Hill age 21, male, laborer, born Virginia.

THE STORY OF JENNY WILEY AND THE INDIANS

There is a story of Lazarus Damron and Jenny Wiley given in Ely's The Big Sandy Valley, taken from Hardesty's Historical and Biographical Encyclopedia.

Jenny Sellards married Thomas Wiley, a native of Ireland, who lived on Walker's Creek, in Wythe, now Tazewell County, Va., at the time of her capture by Indians. "She had a sister living near by, the wife of John Borders...Several families named Harmon lived in the same neighborhood, some of whom were noted Indian scouts." Jenny Wiley's husband was digging ginseng in the woods in 1790, and by mistake the Indians took revenge on the Wileysinstead of the Harmons, as "Some time previously, one of the Harmons had shot and killed two or three of their number, and a party of fivereturned to seek vengeance on the Harmons." The Cherokees tomahawked and scalped a younger brother and three of the children, and took Mrs. Wiley, her infant a year and a half old, and Mr. Wiley's hunting dog with them to the Ohio River. The Indian trail led down what became Jennie's Creek to the mouth then down Tug and Big Sandy to the Ohio.

"No sooner had the news of the horrid butchery spread among the inhabitants of Walker's Creek settlement than a party, among whom were LAZARUS DAMRON and Matthias Harmon, started in pursuit. They followed on for several days, but failing to come up with the perpetrators of the terrible outrage, the pursuit was abandoned, and all returned to their homes. The Indians expected that they would be followed, and the infant proving an incumbrance to their flight, they dashed out its brains against a beech-tree...When the savages...reached the Ohio, it was very much swollen; with a shout of O-high-O, they turned down that stream...to Big Blaine Creek...Here they remained for several months, and during the time Mrs. Wiley was delivered of a child." The Indians dashed his brains out, also, fearing he would become a brave warrior as he screamed furiously when they tested him for courage. An old Cherokee chief saved the life of Mrs. Wiley when they decided to kill her, on condition that she would teach his squaws to make cloth like the gown she wore. "But she was reduced to the most abject slavery, and was made to carrywater, wood, and build fires." Mrs. Wiley escaped one night. Her dog tried to follow her but she drove him back fearing his bark would betray her. She crossed Main Paint Creek to the Levisa Fork and on the opposite side near the mouth of John's Creek, she could see men at work on a blockhouse. Shecalled to them and they took her across the stream. As they got to the other side, the old chief appeared with Jenny's dog preceding him, striking his hands upon his breast and saying "Honor, Jenny, honor!"

She had been in captivity more than eleven months. Returning to her husband, after nine years, in 1800, they moved to Tom's Creek near the Levisa Fork. She survived her husband 21 years and died 1831. After her return five other children were born, Hezekiah, Jane, Sally, Adam and William. Hezekiah lived on Twelve Pole Creek. Jane m. Richard Williamson and lived on Twelve Pole. Salley married Christian Yost of Ky. and later Samuel Murray. William raised a large family and after the sale of the Wiley farm moved to Tom's Creek. Adam P was the most noted. "In physique he was scarcely excelled by any man in the Sandy Valley. Tall, straight as an arrow, brown of skin, slow of movement and speech, he was an attractive figure to look upon." He was a great fiddler at dances, but becoming a Baptist, began preaching, making very long sermons like himself. In his old age he went back to fiddling at house-raisings and corn-huskings." Many of Jenny's descendants lived in Johnson County, Ky.

The Indians had their big graveyard at the mouth of the Sandy River, and as this was sacred ground, they defended this region from the white intruders. It was a dangerous place to pick for the first settlement of the place.

THE DAMERONS OF WAYNE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

The Wayne County, W.Va.records show the following items, as traced by Alimae Aiken:

THOMAS DAMERON, deed fm.Richard Dameron, 1848, 50 acres on Twelve Pole Creek. fm.John Bromley, 1850, 80 acres, Crane's Nest Br. of Twelve Pole Creek; Richard Dameron and Elizabeth to Thomas Dameron, 1848, 50 acres, Main Fork, Twelve Pole. Other items list Polly and Thomas Dameron, and deed from James to Thomas,1870 ca.

RICHARD DAMERON: Deed fm.Wm. Noe, al. 1827, 30 acres, R. Fork of Twelve Pole Cr.
Richard, Jr.fromThomas J. Buffington, 1843, 9o acres, R. Fork, Twelve Pole;
Elizabeth and Richard Damron to James Fry 1842, 180 ac. L. Fork, Twelve Pole.
Richard, al, to Samuel Porter, 1844, 50 ac. R. Fork, Twelve Pole.
Richard to Thomas Preston, 1845, 85 acres, R. Fk. Twelve Pole.
Richard to Kelly Ferguson, 1848, 115 acres, Turkey Br.
Richard to Samuel Dameron, 1848, Main Fk. Twelve Pole. See Law Orders, p. 114 also.

WILLIAM DAMERON: Deed from George Dameron, al, 1860, 345 ac. R. Fork, Twelve Pole. After 1849 to 1954 is listed deed from Elizabeth and William D. to Lazarus D.

SAMUEL DAMERON: deed from John Wellman, al, 1843, 50 acres, L. Fk. Twelve Pole.
Samuel D. Sr. from John Wellman, 1843, 50 acres, Twelve Pole R.
Samuel, Jr. from John Spence, al, 1844, 200 acres, R. Fork, Twelve Pole.
Samuel to Richard Dameron, 1848, 140 Acres, Rt. Fork,Twelve Pole River.
Samuel from Mary Adkins, al. 1858, 370 acres, Williams Creek.
Samuel, Jr. from John Bromley, al, 1866, 110 acres, Mill Creek.
Samuel from P.C. Buffington, 1868, 40 acres, Hawk Cliff.
Samuel from James Copley, al, 1868, 15 Acres, R.Fk. Twelve Pole.
Samuel from James Copley, al, 1868, R.F. Twelve Pole.
Samuel from Lazarus G. Damron, al, 1868, tracts R. Fork, Twelve Pole.
Sally and Samuel Damron, deed to Wyett Adkins, 1843, 50 acres, Twelve Pole Creek.
Sarah and Samuel Damron to Arnold Perry, 1845, 50 acres, L. Fork, Twelve Pole.
Sarah and Samuel Damron to Car Lowe, 1845, parcel.
Samuel, Sr. to Owen Adkins, 1846, 70 acres, Twelve Pole Cr.
Sally and Samuel, Sr. to Ira Copley, 1846,98 acres, L. Fork, Twelve Pole.
Samuel to Daniel Mathis, 1847, parcel, Rich Creek.
Samuel and Sally Damron to Job Spence, 1842-3, 300 acres, R.Fk. Twelve Pole R.
Samuel Damron to Wm. Crim, al, 1847, 600 acres, Cairs Cr.
Samuel Damron to David Crum, 1848, between Twelve Pole and Moses Fk. Cr.
Other items from 1849 to 1954 for Samuel, Sr. Law Orders, filed under Commissioners' Records, Book 1, show Samuel Damron had Order of allowance, p. 390. Book 2, Samuel D. al, p. 350

JOHN DAMRON: Deed from P.C. Buffington, al, 1870, 50 acres, R. Fork, Twelve Pole.
John S. Damron from P.C. Buffington, et. al, 1870, 50 acres, Mill Creek.
John Damron to Wilson Damron, 1872. Book 3, Wills, has John D. p. 319

JAMES DAMRON: Deed after 1870 to Thomas Damron; also James W. Damron to Edward Damron. Book 2, Commissioners' Records, has J.W. Damron, guarantee order to refund taxes, p. 2. Book 2, guar order to refund taxes p. 3.

GEORGE DAMRON, and Sarah, deed to James Romans, 1843, 50 acres, R.F. Twelve Pole.
George deeds to Lazarus Damron, 1849, 70 acres, Loss Creek. Geo. & Sary,1844.

OTHER DAMRON ITEMS LISTED, after 1870: Moses, Jr., H.D., Moses, Elizabeth, Nancy and John; Moses, James W., John, J.W., James W. Mary, Edward, David C. Wayne, Ruben G., Rhoda, Lazarus G., Ezekial, Samuel Jr. Sarah A, Wilson (1872.) Polly Ann and Wilson, 1867.

WAYNE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, DEEDS (21 pages in index to deeds):

Lazareth Damron, Grantee, from George Damron, 1849, B, p. 212, 70 ac. on Lost Creek.
Mary and Lazarus Damron, al, Grantees, from David Crum Est. by S.C. al,1858,
her share, 80 acres Moses Creek, Div. Deed, Book E, p. 318.
Lazarus G. Damron, Grantee, from William Damron, al, 1868, R.F. Twelve Pole,H 68.
Lazarus Damron, Grantee, from William Damron, al, 1868, 20 Tracts R. Fk. Twelve Pl.

Grantors from 1849 to 1954 include items for Mary and Lazarus, Mary and Lazarus G., Mary and L.G., Lazarus G. to Samuel Damron, Polly Ann and Wilson 1867 etc.

Moses Damron, Grantee, from Martin Law, 1861, 35 Ac. R. Fk. Twelve Pole Cr. I,579.
Moses Damron, " from Catherine Adkins, al, 1867, parcel, Twelve Pole, H 217.
Moses Damron " " " " al 1867, Parcel Twelve Pole, I, 358.
Listed after 1870, Moses, Jr. M.D., Moses, Grantees, Moses,Grantor.

George and Sary Damron, Grantors, to George Mainard, 1844, 50 Ac. R.Fk. Twelve Pole.

WAYNE, WAYNE COUNTY, W. VA. LAW ORDERS, FILED UNDER COMMISSIONER'S RECORDS, BOOK I:

Damron, David C. allowed $4.40 for services rendered as witness,1878, p. 40,239.
" R.G. allowance, p. 54.
" Lazarus, allowed $6.00 for services rendered as com. of elections at Spruce Lick
" Richard, al, p. 114.
" Daniel, Tax Release, 232.
" D.C. appt. deputy, 228.
" H. F. al, p. 239, 324.
" R.G. resignation as com. p. 250.
" Samuel, Order of Allowance, 390.
" Wayne, al. p. 399.
" Marion appt. committee for J. Damron, p. 417.
" L. appt. overseer of poor of 4th Dist. p. 433.
BOOK TWO:
Damron, J.W. Guar. order to refund taxes, p. 2.
" L.G. & others report, 1o7.
" Lazarus all, p. 165, 168.
" L. all, p. 169, 170.
" D.C. all p. 238.
" D.C. and others, appt. road viewers, p. 242.
" D.C. all, p. 3.
" J.W. Guar. order to refund taxes, p. 3.
" L.G. & C. appt. viewers of road, 48.
" W.B. all, p. 71.
" D.C., all, p. 291.
" D.C. & others make report, 310.
" D.C. gave hand as N.P. 324.
" Moses, Tax release, p. 326,358.
" Samuel, all, p. 350.
" Wm. Tax release, 352.
" Wm. appt. adm. 464.
BOOK THREE:
Damron, Rosa, Will probated, p. 130.
" M. F. Qualified as Dept. Sheriff, 251.
" John, all, 319.
" T. M. N.P. bond, 356.

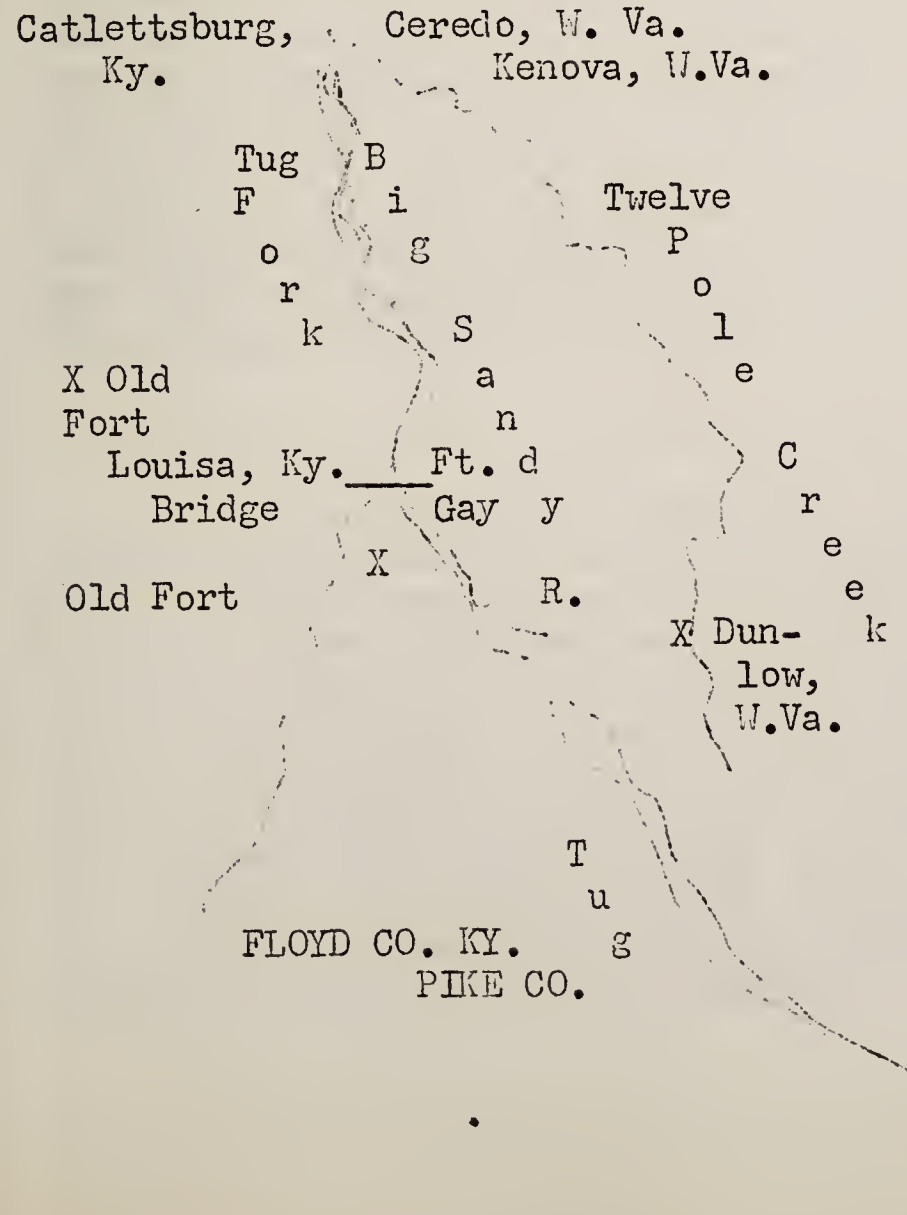
(Note by Alimae Aiken: I am told that the oldest Damron now living in Wayne is Jay about 55 yrs.,uncle Lindsey's boy. Rex Damron is the only one listed in the Wayne (town) phone directory.)

THE DAMRONS OF FT. GAY, W. VA., AND LOUISA, KY.

"A bridge across Big Sandy River connects Kentucky and West Virginia. Louisa, Ky., Laurence Co. is at one end and Fort Gay (formerly Cassville), W.Va. at the other. The Big Sandy by some freak of nature flows north, I am told. The bridge is at a point where the Tug Fork, which I presume is a fork of Big Sandy, and the Levisa River meet. An old fort was once between these two rivers near the present bridge. It was first called Vancouver's Fort but for many years has been called Ft. Gay. It received its name because of the gay life at the fort. It was built of logs. Maybe the Indian Scout, Lazarus Damron, who went from Russell Co., Va. to Floyd Co. Ky and then perhaps to W. Va. had something to do with this fort. Long ago also another fort stood on the hill at the western boundary of Louisa. Mr. Scalf of Prestonburg, Floyd Co., did not mention Lazarus in connection with these forts but seemed to think that perhaps he lived around Ceredo or Kenova, very early settlements of W. Va.

"I am told that Joshua Fry, surveyor for the governor of Virginia, at his request did some surveying in this Ky. and W. Va. district and perhaps had built the old log fort. I have not verified the authority of this statement by further research. Fry was a native of Albemarle Co., Va. where he owned much land and he and Peter Jefferson produced maps of the Albemarle section as well as other districts of Va., Md. and Pa. Some are in the University of Virginia library.

"Monument inscription of Louisa, Ky. at end of the bridge:'On the point 200 feet east of this spot in the spring of 1789 was erected the first settlement in this section known as Vancouver's Fort. Charles Vancouver was granted 15,000 acres on Dec. 17, 1788, by Governor Beverly Randolph of Virginia. He and his men cleared land, built the fort and planted a crop. A year later they were driven out by the Indians. Erected by the Louisa Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution.'



M. L. Branham, Ft. Gay, W.Va. age about eighty said: "There were three brothers, Lazarus and Samuel lived in Ft. Gay and Moses lived on Twelve Pole Creek. I presume old Lazarus was a brother to old Sam and Moses. Old Lazarus died at Ft. Gay, and he lived close to Louisa bridge. Old Sam had sons, Jemmison and Wayne. Jemmison's sons were Wayne and Lot. Wayne and maybe Lot went to Catlettsburg. Big Wayne was Lazarus' son. Moses' sons were Edd, Tom, Gid, Sam, John, Vince, Floyd, Wayne. They were all Baptists but the Damrons today belong to many churches. Go to see Mrs. John Damron, Louisa, Highbottom community; Moses Damron, grandson of old Moses, Radnor, W.Va.; Neibert Damron, Glen Hayes, W.Va., Bert Damron, Radnor, W.Va. and Lucian of Radnor."

Mr. Bill Reed of Fort Gay, W. Va., age about seventy said: "I remember the three brothers, Sam, Lazarus and Moses Damron here at Fort Gay. They were old men when I was a boy. Uncle Sam married my great aunt. She was his last wife and they had no children. He had been married twice before. She had considerable property. Sam had three boys--I think they were by his second wife--Wayne, Jamison and Lazarus. Wayne and Jamison went to Catlettsburg where Wayne had a saloon. He was a good man. He was called 'Big Wayne.' The three brothers, Sam, Lazarus and Moses all lived in Wayne County on Twelve Pole Creek and Sam was Squire (Justice of the Peace) there. Uncle Sam and Lazarus moved to Fort Gay but Moses stayed on Twelve Pole and had a large family. He had 1,000 acres or more. Lazarus was a shoemaker and had a shop in his home here at Fort Gay. He would half sole a pair of boots or shoes, furnish the leather and put in wooden pegs--at a charge of twenty five cents a pair. His home and shop was only a few feet from Uncle Sam's home here at Fort Gay but his first home was very near my home here in Fort Gay and it was a flat boat which had been remodelled and added to. Uncle Sam was a tall man of six feet two inches and he always wore boots. He would amuse us children by jumping high into the air, smacking his boots together twice before he hit the ground. He worked some as a blacksmith. The Damrons lived well, had fine gardens, plenty of food and often entertained the minister. I do not remember the children of Lazarus and Moses. Lazarus is buried in old Wellman cemetery and Uncle Sam in the private cemetery belonging to my family, a few miles from his home."

"Mr. Reed took me to little, old Wellman cemetery but Lazarus' grave was not marked. There were very few tombs, no Damron ones. The cemetery consisted mostly of sunken holes. At the other cemetery Sam Damron's tomb is quite readable. It is inscribed Samuel Damron, born Mar. 18th, 1812, died May 25, 1905. His wife's tomb (last wife) Mary Damron, 1822-1908. See photos I took, also home of Samuel. The home of Lazarus is not standing.

"Mr. Byron Reed, older brother to Bill, age about eighty or more, of Ft. Gay told me: 'My memory is not as good as Bill's but I recall something about the Damrons here at Ft. Gay. Lazarus and Sam lived close together and Laz. had a shoe shop in his home. Laz. had a son Ezekiel. There was one called 'Lying Bill.' I don't know whose son he was. Lazarus was younger than Sam. Sam was born in 1812. Moses was Sam's son but he could have had a brother Moses. Sam lived in Catlettsbur a while, moved to Ft. Gay, then to Catlettsburg again, and then back to Ft. Gay. Sam's children by his first wife were Moses, Jim and Polly and children by second wife were Jemmerson, Lot and Wayne. There were no children by the third wife. Sam and Laz. were Primitive Baptists. Laz's daughter Lizzie married a Roberson.'

"Mr. Reed's sister, older than he, lives at 36 S. St., Charleston, W.Va.

"Mr. Reynolds Frazier, Mayor of Ft. Gay, about eighty-six years old, said: 'I knew the Damrons here in Ft. Gay. Lazarus was a shoemaker. He did not have the wealth of Sam. Lazarus lived in a house owned by Sam. They were all Baptist and Moses on Twelve Pole Creek was strict PrimitiveBaptist. Moses owned a great deal of land on Twelve Pole. He was married twice. Lazarus' son of Ft. Gay was a shoe maker also. His name was Ezekiel. He was an only son. Lazarus' daughter Lizzie married John Roberson and another (I can't think of her name) married Tom Kimball. Moses had several sons but I can only think of one--Tom. Sam's sons were Wayne and Jemmerson. Mrs. Sara Elizabeth Damron Reynolds of Kanova, W.Va. 84 years old is a daughter of Jemmerson. Young Mose Damron on Mill Creek, about fifty years or more should tell you a great deal, address Ft. Gay, Route 2, grandson of Moses. Lazarus is buried in Wellman cemetery.'

THE LAST WILL OF ROSA M. DAMRON

Wayne County Court, Floyd Co., Ky. In vacation January 30th, 1888: "This day a writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Rosa M. Damron decd. was produced to the undersigned clerk in vacation by Ezekiel Damron and thereupon came H. H. Hammond and S.V. Crumb two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and after being duly sworn according to law proved said instrument of writing to be the last will and testament of the said Rosa M. Damron, decd. It is therefore ordered that said writing to be the same and is hereby admitted to probate as and for the last will and testament of the said Rosa M. Damron, decd. Given under my hand this 30th day of January, 1888, CHAPMAN FRY, Clerk, Wayne County Court."

"In the name of God Amen. I ROSE M. DAMRON of the Town of Casville in the County of Wayne and State of West Virginia being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this last will and testament as to my worldly estate and all the property real and personal or mixed of which I shall die seized and posessed to which I shall be entitled at the time of my death I devise bequeath and dispose there of in the manner following to wit having faith and the utmost confidence in my beloved husband Ezekiel Damron that he will protect provide for support maintain and educate my children viz: Bascom, Rebecca, Pembroke and Luther, all of whom being young and of tender years and for the love and affection I have for my husband and desiring him to enjoy fully all my property the better to enable him to care for maintain and educate my said children I therefore for the reasons aforesaid give bequeath and devise to my beloved husband Ezekiel Damron all my real estate lying and being in the County of Floyd and State of Kentucky being all the lands in said county and state of which I shall die seized or possesed or to which I may be entitled at my decease to his sole use absolutely forever not meaning or desiring hereby to create in my children or any of them any estate in the aforesaid real estate whatever either present or contingent hereby fuly empowering my said husband Ezekiel Damron to sell and convey all my real estate aforesaid by an absolute conveyance and to use the control the money realized from the sale thereof free from any and all claims of my aforesaid children or anybody else whatsoever. In testimony whereof I the said Rosa M. Damron have to this my last will and testament contained on one sheet of paper subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 11th day of January AD 1888, ROSA M. DAMRON.

"Signed, sealed and declared and published by the said Rosa M. Damron as and for her last will and testament in presence of us who at her request and in her presence and in presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto. H. A. HAMMOND, E. V. CRUM, WILL WELLMAN, all residing at Cassville, Wayne County, W.Va."

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WAYNE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, CIRCUIT COURT RECORDS, BOOK A:

LAZARUS DAMRON, JAMES L. TIRNAN vs. A. I. FRY AND OTHERS: DEBT. "This day came the parties by their attorneys and the defendant demures generally to the plffs."Declaration in which the plff joined and this cause is continued until the next term, 1849.

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LAZARUS G. DAMRON vs. JESSE ADKINS, OWEN ADKINS: DEBT. "The judgments obtained at rules not having been set aside and the plaintiff being entitled to a final judgment, it is therefore considered that the plaintiff recover against the defendants the sum of ninety eight dollars and fifty cents the debt in the declaration mentioned with interests untill paid and his costs by him about his suit in this behalf expended and the defendants in mercy, etc."

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DAMRON, DAVID G. vs. PORROT, WILSON, p. 139, Book BA. DAMERON,GEORGE vs. JESSE ADKINS, OWEN ADKINS: DEBTS: Plaintiff to "recover against the defendants the sum of one hundred and forty dollars" from 30th March, 1849 until paid. BA,195.

THE SAMUEL DAMRON FAMILY OF TWELVE POLE CREEK, WEST VIRGINIA

I. LAWRENCE DAMERON, who was in Northumberland County, Va. by 1652, wife Dorothy.
II. GEORGE, d. 1689, m. Elizabeth, widow of John Dennis, inherited Guarding Point.
III. LAZARUS, d. 1749, in Albemarle County, Va. m. Elizabeth Smith. Three of his sons had descendants, John, George and Moses.
IV. MOSES, inherited his father's estate at Damron Creek, Albemarle County, Va.
V. LAZARUS a noted Indian scout and Revolutionary soldier, who was in RussellCo., Va. after the Revolution, and moved from there to Kentucky. Three of his sons were Moses of Twelve Pole Creek, W.Va., George, of Dunlow, W.Va., and Samuel.
VI. SAMUEL, son of Lazarus, settled on the left fork of Twelve Pole Creek in Wayne County, W.Va., at Tick Ridge. Wayne was formed from Cabell County, and we find in the records a deed to Samuel Dameron from Thos. Hays, 1830, B. 4, p. 586, for 50 acres on Twelve Pole Creek. Another deed to Samuel from Richard Willison et. al. 1832, B. 5, p. 53, was on the Right Fork of Twelve Pole Creek. Samuel Jr., received land from Samuel et. al. Sr. 1840, B. 8,p. 1, 50 a. Twelve Pole Creek. In 1830, Samuel Damron deeded to John Dean, B. 4, p. 614, 100 acres on Twelve Pole.

There are a number of deeds in Wayne Co., W.Va. for Samuel and Sarah or Sally Dameron, beginning in 1843 for 50 acres on the left fork of Twelve Pole, from John Wellman, etc. The deeds for Samuel, Sr. go up to 1854.

The sons of Samuel were Moses, George Washington, Silas, and perhaps Demiah, and Norah was a daughter:

1. MOSES, married Betty Kirk and had twelve children: Ed., R.G. (Gid), Tom, Sam, John, Floyd, Vince, Wayne, Demi (Demiah), Thursa, Naomi and Cynthia (died young), all born in Wayne Co., W.Va. Mrs. John Damron, age about 75, lives at Highbottom, Ky. near Louisa. She said her husband would be 83 in 1954 if living, and Samuel of Ft. Gay, then living, was his cousin.

EDWARD, son of Moses, was of Radnor, W.Va., born Sept. 10, 1855, d. Feb. 17, 1940, in Wayne Co., W.Va. Hiswife was Nettie Smith. Their children were Bert Edgar, Route 1, Box 4, Radnor, W.Va., Lucian and Robert, all born in Radnor.

JOHN, son of Moses, m. Sallie Fitzpatrick, and had children: James Neibert Robinett Point, Williamson or Glen Hayes, W.Va.; Lockard Whitney, Ulyses Patrick, Irene, John Ezra Damron, killed at age 52, accidentally, b. 1872 in Wayne Co. W.Va., and died 1924.

VII. 2. GEORGE WASHINGTON DAMRON, son of Samuel, b. 1837 in Wayne Co., W.Va. died about 1923, in Mingo Co., W.Va. He was a soldier in the Civil War. His wife Esther Chafin, died 1910. Two of his children were William Damron, former County clerk of Williamson Co., Williamson, W.Va., and James Damron.

VIII. JUDGE JAMES DAMRON, son of George Washington Damron, was b. April 28, 1876, died May 8, 1939. He was county clerk of Mingo Co. and U.S. District attorney of southern West Virginia 1932, Huntington, W.Va. He married Anna B. Shumate b. Oct. 15,1882, died August 5, 1912. They were married Feb. 15, 1899, and had children:

1. Mayme M.b. Dec. 22, 1899.
2. Russell (James Russell) b. April 7, 1903, d. May 16, 1938.
3. Bertie Lee b. Aug. 21, 1904, Attorney, 1744 E. Sunrise Boulevard, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.
4. Margaret b. May 16, 1908. (Marguerite Estelle.)
5. Robert Keller b. Jan. 22, 1910.
6. Catherine Louise b. July 14, 1911.

THE DAMERONS OF CABELL COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

The earliest Dameron in the records of Cabell County, West Virginia, the county seat being Huntington, is Augusta Damrel who married there Elizabeth Dearing April 17, 1812. The other county records show the following marriages:

Damrel, Elizabeth, to Kelly Ferguson, Aug. 10, 1838, minister, Gooden Lycan.
" Lazarus, to Eliza Stephenson, Sept. 26, 1839.
Damedral, Moses, to Rebecca Harel, July 26, 1835, min. Gooden Lycan.
" Samuel to Vashti Jarrell, July 26, 1835, by Gooden Lycan.
Damerelle, Elisha, to Sarah Russell, Oct. 6, 1836, by Stephen Spurlock.

The earliest wills recorded in Huntington were: Wayne Damron, Sr. 1901; Moses Dameron, 1924. Later dates show James Dameron, Lucy Davis Dameron. Nothing was found in the chancery order books.

Wayne County was formed from Huntington's county--i.e. Cabell Co.

Cabell County deeds showed the following:

GRANTEE	GRANTOR
Augustin Damron	Asa Hatton, 1815, b. 2, p. 22. Witness for this: John Deasing and Onesipherous Damron, 69 a. Grayston's Cr.
Moses Damron	Wm. Buffington, 1828, b. 4, p. 467, 50 a. Twelve Pole Cr.
George "	" " 1828, b. 4, p. 471, 50 a. Twelve Pole Cr.
Samuel Dameron,	Thos. Hays, 1830, b. 4, p. 586, 50 a. Twelve Pole Cr.
" "	Richard Willison, et. al. 1832, b. 5, p. 53, Rt. Fk. Twelve Pole Creek.
Richard Dameron	Wm. Watts, 1837, b. 6, p. 441, Trace Branch.
Samuel, Jr. "	Samuel Dameron, et. al. Sr. 1840, b. 8, p. 1, 50 a. 12 Pole.
Richard Damron	Simion Mainard, 1841, b. 8, p. 69, 35 a. Twelve Pole.
M. J. "	Huntington & Kenova Land Dev. Co. 1891, b. 37, p. 147, Lot 2, Blk. 87, cc.

Other Dameron names after 1891: Joseph, Wayne, M.D., J.W., M.J., L.D.,Wayne, Rhoda, John S.

Another record, three pages up to 1922, shows the following:

GRANTOR	GRANTEE
Augusta Damron	Rudolph Hooser, 1816, b. 2, p. 105, 50 a. Big Sandy River. This is signed "Augusta Damron."
Augustin Damron	Joseph Newman, 1816, b. 2, p. 109, 69 a. Hatten's Cr.
Lazarus " et al	Thompson Ratliff et al. 1828, b. 4, p. 470. Wm. Brumley and Lazarus Damron sell to Thompson Ratliff and James Ferguson.
Deed of Relinquishment between George Damron and Wm. Buffington, 300 a. one-half of Mill Creek.	
Samuel Damron	John Dean, 1830, b. 4, p. 614, 100 a. Twelve Pole Creek.
Moses "	Jacobee Sulivan, 1833, b. 5, p. 246, Right hand fork 12 Pole.
Moses "	Ali Belcher, 1833, b. 5 p. 258, 50 a. R. H. Fk. 12 Pole Cr.
" "	William No, 1834, b. 5, p.482, 30 a.
Laurel Sr. Dameron	Samuel Dameron, Jr. 1840, b. 8, p. 1, 50 a. Twelve Pole Cr.
Sarah "	
Jas W. and Emma "	Michael Schnider et. al. 1892, b. 39, p. 319, Lot 13, Blk 75,
C. L. and M.D. "	Walter Davis, 1893, b. 42, p. 129, Lot 7, blk. 139,Hunt. cc.

Augustin Damerell, Grantor (Huntington), to Lewis Summers, et. al. 1824, 200 a. Mill Cr. by Trus. b. 4, p. 279. Elizabeth & Augustine Damrell to Elias Hind, 1837, 200 a.; Cyrus D. Damrell to Wm. Hutcheson, 1836, 187 a. Buffalo Cr. b. 7,171.

THE DAMRONS IN LOUISA AND LAURENCE COUNTY, KENTUCKY

MARRIAGES OF LOUISA, LAURENCE COUNTY, KENTUCKY:

1826 George Damron to Sally Preston, Book 1, p. 39.
1845 Samuel Damron to Evelina Marcum, Book 1.
1849 Samuel Damron to Dicy Copley, 2, 25.
1854 William Damron to Elizabeth Baker, 2, 83.
1866 William Damron to Martha Thompson 3, 114.
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1872 Spurlock Damron to Lucy Pickelsimer, 4, 129.
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LOUISA, LAURENCE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, DEEDS: GRANTOR INDEX FOR DAMRON:

Richard Damron, Estate, al, Grantor, to Simeon Justice, Oct. 29, 1839, Tracts, Wolf Creek, Oct. 29, 1839, C, 94.
Richard Damron, Est., al, CC Est. by Adm., Grantee, Nathaniel Crank, Mar. 5, 1842, 100 acres on Big Blaine, C. 510.
Augustus Dameron, Grantor, to John J. Surgell, P. of A. July 24,1871, J. 294.
Frank M. and Elizabeth Damron, Grantors.
Thomas and Ester (?) Damron, Grantors, to Sarah Marcum, Jun 21, 1886, 75 A. Cat Fork, T, 178.
Annie, Samuel, Elizabeth, Pollie (to Richard Dameron, Oct. 27, 1896, 51 ac. on Chestnut Creek, 29,p. 552), Frank, Annie, Lucinda, Samuel, John, James, Cora, Marion, Lee--these are other names as Grantors after 1896.

GRANTEE INDEX, LOUISA, LAURENCE COUNTY, KENTUCKY:

Richard Damron, Grantee, from Mary L. Hillhouse, Aug. 6,1858 6500 Acres, Big Sandy River, E. 485.
Samuel Damron, Grantee, from Allen P. Haws and wife, Mar. 15, 1880, Tract. Chestnut Creek, P. 321.
Peter or Pester Damron fm.Sarah Marcum, Jul. 11, 1885, T, 54; Tract Poor House Br.
Richard Damron, Grantee, from John Price and wife, Sept. 16, 1887, 4 Ac. Chestnut Creek, T. 366.
Samuel Damron, Grantee, from Marion Mollett, al, Comr. Apr. 19, 1897, 25 Acres on Chestnut Creek, D, 27.
Frank M. Damron, from James Hughes & wife, May 25,1893, Lot in Louisa, 28 p. 249.
Richard Damron, from Samuel Damron and wife, Oct. 27, 1896, 51 Ac. Chestnut Cr. Other names after this date: Samuel, Ann,Elizabeth, Lucinda, John, Lee, John, Sr.

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Deed Book C, p. 94, Laurence Co., Ky. William Ratliff, adm. of RICHARD DAMRON, EST. to deed Simeon Justice, 150 ac. being in Co. of Louisa. Ratliff and Justice both of Pike Co., Ky.

Book C, p. 510: Richard Damron est. Mar. 5, 1842, between Randolph Spring and Nathaniel Cranks of Co. of Laurence and state of Ky. Land lying in Laurence County.

Augustus Damron to John J. Sturgell, P. of A. July 24, 1871. "I Augustus Damron of Sullivan Co. and State of Mississippi own one undivided half of a tract of land in Laurence Co., Ky. on Rush Creek a tributary to Big Sandy R. I the aforesaid do hereby appoint John J. Sturgell my lawful agent. AUGUSTUS DAMRON."

THE DESCENDANTS OF EDWARD DAMERON

The following information is quoted from Mrs. L. J. Napierskie of Okmulgee, about the family of Edward Dameron who went from Virginia to Kentucky. Children:

1. JAMES. "Jim the eldest married on the wagon train journey from near Frankfort, Ky. in about the year 1873. He lived anddied in and near Springfield, Mo. Deceased in 1929. His eldest son Willie Dameron (a Church of Chrise Minister) lived at Middleton, Mo. He passed on last year; had 4 or 6 sons and daughters. J.R. Dameron, R.F.D. 5 Springfield, Mo., called Bob, is now living at Sparta, Mo. He has 4 sons and a daughter. The oldest girl Minnie, is now living at Sparta, Mo. Her name is Mrs. Ross Anderson. She has 3 girls. Another younger girl, Belle Zora Dameron (Spinscer) lives at Sparta, Mo. Box 50. This is all I know of Uncle Jim's family."

2. JOSEPH. "Joe Dameron (brother to Jim) lived and brought up his family, two boys, two girls, near Rogers, Arkansas. They all removed to California between the two world wars."

3. JOHN. "John went to Florida, and had a family there. I do not know the town."

4. NAN. "Nan, the oldest sister of my Mother, married a Speakman at Miller, Mo. She has several children and they went to Pueblo, Colorado, around the turn of the century."

5. MARY ELLON. "Then came Mary Ellon, my Mother. They came to Indian Territory about 1885, near Salisaw, O.K. There were 11 sons and daughters born. Three sons died in infancy, one daughter died in infancy. Beginning with the eldest:

(1) Amanda Jane married a man named Leonidas Millsap, had eleven children. She is 75 and now lives at Hot Springs, Ark. 433 Benton St.;
(2) Frankie M. Chandler lives at Sulphur Springs, Tex., one crippled child, a widow, on some route;
(3) Jerry Houston, the son that lived to marry, is deceased. His only daughter,Clity Crommett, Bentonville, Ark. had 3 children, 2 sons and a daughter.
(4) Bertha Belle Duke, 709 4th and Spaulding Sts., Checotah, O.K. She is 65.
(5) Then comes myself. Minnie Ellen Napierskie, 1108 North Alabama St., Okmulgee, Okla. I am now 60, the mother of 5 living, 1 girl and 4 sons: John of this address, Leonard, Jr. of Los Angeles, street address unknown; and Mrs. Ellen Adams, Rt. 2, What Cheere, Iowa. She has 3 children, 1 girl and 2 sons. Leonard, Jr. has 1 son, 1 girl.
(6) Then Cecil Roberts 4215 Kansas Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.; one daughter who lives in Cleveland, Ohio.--Ruth Howard, Rt. 4, Box No. 614, Tulsa, Okla. She is 55, the mother of 2 girls and one son, all live in O. K. Houston Holloway. His widow lives on a route from Burkbernette, Texas. Grace is her name.
(7) Then came Sallie the youngest sister of my mother, she died in 1900, one daughter Ona who died about 5 years agoe leaving no children. She lived in Oregon. So this is the history of mother's brothers and sisters.

6. WILLIAM. "Now Uncle William, called Will and Bill, went to Texas in about 1892, as a lad, he married Elisabeth Ball (Betty Dameron), and they had a large family, 15 I believe, but only 4 are living, Dewey of the Allen St. address, a bachlor, no children & Teresa of Ft. Worth, Terial of L.A. and Ellon also of L.A. Teressa has a son Frank (deceased), 2 sons, Mable one girl, she is deceased, the girl lives in Washington, D.C., she was born a Millsap, Peggy, Frank's sons have several children, also the son Terrel out in L.A. has several children. Aunt Betty is now around 79 years old, and quite feeble. She is a Texas native, a wonderful person. Uncle Will died in 1924, there at Ft. Worth."

Circuit court orders for Louisa, Lawrence Co., Ky. show the following for Dameron: Damron & Co., Plaintiff, vs. Walter Osborn & Co. 1881, Box 182, Cause 4847; same vs. J.S. Ratcliff, 1881; same vs. E. J. Hutsenpeller, 1890. Damron, G. Def. and J. H. Allison, Plf. 1881; Dameron,Wayne, Plf. vs. G. T. Ross, 1891; J.W. Levetnam, 1895;etc.

Mrs. Betty Dameron, widow of William, of 1420 E. Allen St., Ft. Worth, Texas, wrote Miss Aiken: "Am proud to hear from you in regards to the Dameron s. I am Will Dameron's wife. He was borned in Laurence Co., Kentucky. He has ben dead a long time. He died here in Ft. Worth.Left me with five children, most of them married now. My oldest son is dead and I have two girls and 2 boys left. I live with my second son, Dewey Dameron. This son is 56 years old soon. I am old and plenty feeble. Can't hardly rite as you can see. My husbon name was William Tomos Dameron. I never seen eny of his pepal but one sister she is dead allso my husbon was borned In Laurence County, Ky. he left home when he was 16, come to Texas then when he was 28 years old he come to Texas again after he was in Arkansas. We were married in Wylie, Texas. My husbon pepal were all in Laurence County. When his mother died he had 2 bro. 3 sisters and his oldest bro. was named John Dameron Jim Dameron and Will Dameron I seen his sister she was Elen Dameron she is dead.They are all dead but some his nieces...I would be verry happy to have you come see me. Will be 80 years old in October but still get around pretti good so rite less excuse my riting can't rite eny better now from Mrs. Betty Dameron." In filling out a questionnaire she wrote: "Damerons lived in Laurence Co., Kentuck is all we no. Will Dameron left Kentucky when he was 16 his father had died years back left 2 bros. John and Jim he was the youngest boy he had 3 sister older was Sallie Normie Speakman when she died Elen Dameron was the younges girl she married a Halliway come to Texas from Arkansas She is dead her girls are living at difernt places. You can rite Minnie Napierskie she was Elen oldest daughter she can tell more. My husbon never would rite or visit his pepal so that is a bought all I no. My folks were borned in Texas,I was raised near Dallas, Texas." Her husband was raised in McKinney, Tex. near Dallas.

A letter from Mrs. L. J. Napierskie, 1108 N. Alabama St., Okmulgee, Okla. said: "Today I received a letter from my Dear OldAunt Betty Dameron of Allen St. Ft. Worth in which she ask me to write you and tell you of the history of our branch of the Dameron family. Back in the year 1879 my mother and father were married at near Miller, Mo. she of birth was Mary Ellon Dameron. He, John Houston Holloway, from Tenn. She came of a family of 7, 3 girls and 4 sons. Her father Edward Dameron & Amanda Putnam came to Kentuckie from Virginia, many years before mother was born. I will now give you the history as I know it, mostly by word of mouth, beginning with the oldest son of Mandy and Edward Dameron . . . Now Will Dameron has done a lot of research in tracing his family, his widow of Middelton, Mo. may be able to give you a gold mine of information. I visited him about 1950. He said they were of Danish and Welch blood, and the original family had 10 sons. I have travelled a lot in the western part of the U.S. and I never sean that name but once out between Los Angeles and the ocean side, on a garage. I guess he was one of uncle's Joe's sons. If Joe is alive he is the only one that remains. .. In Springfield,Mo. you will see that name ablaze in neon signs all over town. There are doctors, nurses, grocer, electric cos., Sheet Mettle works, minasters, garages, all owned by Damerons, who are descendants of Jim and Bob, these are first second and third cousins of mine....Grandfather and mother died near Miller, Mo. around the turn of the century. He was a farmer, a tobacco grower, and poore. He died in an insain asylum. She died of lagrip. Grandmother Dameron couldent write her name. Jim's children are minasters, farmers, and his oldest son Willie of Middleton, Mo. has college teachers, minasters, nurses, all educated people, so are Bob's sons. Zoe of Sparta was a nurse for many years, now retired 63 years of age. Mrs. Anderson's girls are nurses and teachers. She was Minnie Dameron...

"My mother passed away at the age of 86, in Aug. 1946. She and father are buried near Checotah, Okla. in a country graveyard. He was a Methodist minaster, also a 33 degree Mason and a Republican. He died in March, 1908, when I was 14 years old. He came of a Scotish family His mother was a Douglas of Tenn., he a Holloway Scot on both sides of the house...if it is not too much trouble would you be so obliging as to send me the information you have gathered on this family history."

LETTERS FROM THE DAMRON FAMILY

W.F. Damron, Logan, W.Va., wrote that his father and mother were George Hutchison Damron and Florence Medkiff Damron. He said he had heard that the name of the first Damron who came to Floyd and Pike Cos., was Lazarus "but this is just hearsay. I was always told that he was a real Indian scout and also a minister. All I ever heard about John was that he was a brother to my great grandfather." He knew nothing of a Joseph Damron. He had no information beyond his great-grandparents who were Squire Damron and Mary Damron, Fort Gay, W. Va., whose children were:

David Damron	Thomas Damron	Lifus Damron
William Damron	Richard Damron	Moses Damron
Vashtie Maynard Damron	Elizabeth Damron	

His grandparents were listed as David C. Damron and Rhoda Vinson Damron, whose children were: They were of Branchland, Route 1, W. Va.

David C. Damron	Josie Messinger
George H. Damron	Sarah E. Ferguson
C. B. Damron	
Rachel Roach	

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James Nibert Damron, Glenhayes, W. Va. wrote to Miss Aiken, Dec. 3, 1954: "Coz.: I do not know much to give you on the Damrons. My information is that Samuel Damron (my great g.father) family moved here from Va. and raised a family and the names of four of his children were Moses (my grandfather), Geo. Washington, Silas and Nora Damron. Now my G. father Moses raised a family of 12, namely, Edd, Gid, Tom, Sam, John (my father), Floyd, Vince, Wayne, Demi, Thursa, Naomi and one other died young. My grandmother Damron's name, Betty Kirk Damron. My father John Damron, married Sallie Fitzpatrick, name of children: (All living except John).

James Nibert, Robinett Point	Irene Damron
Lockard Whitney	John Ezra Damron (killed at age 52, accidently,
Ulyses Patrick	borned in Wayne Co., W. Va. 1872, died 1924."

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I am going to give you two names you might contact. 1st, Birdie L. Damron (last time I had any news of him was in Cincinnatti, O). He is with the Dept. of Justice at Washington, D.C. and works of course all over the country. He is a son of the late Judge James Damron, who was the U.S. Dist. atty. of southern W. Va. in 1932: And a grandson of Geo. Washington Damron. I was in Judge James Damron's office one time and he was telling me a lot about him securing a record of the generation and that we were of French descent, that he had traced (or had traced) the Damrons back when a man landed in N.A. by the name of _____ Dameron. So I though it might be possible for you to contact the right one in his family, and get what information you need. Some of his family live in Huntington, W.Va. 2nd Mr. Millard Damron, Shelbiana, Ky., Pike Co. Millard Damron was also telling me of tracing the Damron generation. (Above paragraph sent on a sheet of paper from Alimae Aiken, no name or address attached.)

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B. L. Damron, Attorney, 1744 E. Sunrise Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. wrote to Miss Aiken, Mar. 21, 1955. He formerly lived in Richmond and Fredericksburg, Va. "One Raymond Dameron, formerly with the Virginia State Police at Fredericksburg, Va. but now in the insurance business in the vicinity of Orange or Culpeper Counties, has some papers on the family beginning with Lawrence Dameron. You could contact Raymond, or obtain his address through enquiry of the Virginia State Police Office Culpeper Headquarters." He noted his brother was a Baptist minister in Northumberland Co., Va. "As to my lineal history, I can only go back to my grandfather, George Washington Damron who died in Mingo County, W.Va. about 1923, at the age of 90 plus... My father was James Damron, born on April 28, 1876, and died on May 8, 1939. My mother was Anna B. Shumate, born October 15, 1882, and died on August 5, 1912. They were married Feb. 15, 1899. Issue: Mayme Damron, b. Dec. 22, 1899, Russell, b. April 7, 1903, d. May 16, 1938, Bertie, b. Aug. 21, 1904, Margaret, b. May 16, 1908, Robert b. January 22, 1910, Catherine b. July 14, 1911.

DAMRON FAMILY LETTERS FROM MRS. WALKER

Annabel Walker had a letter from J.B. Damron, Louisa, Ky. Route 3, Dec. 19, 1954: "My father was John D. Damron, born in Pike Co., Ky. on Shelby Creek at the mouth of Sucky Creek. He came to Laurence Co. and married Claudia Meniffee Frazier and raised a family of 12 children. Nine of the children are still living. My grandfather was Moses D. Damron reared in Pike Co. My father's youngest bro. R.W. Damron, address is Yeager, Ky. He has two sisters living in Pikeville, Ky. Mrs. George Pinson and Mrs. Duran Keel. Their address is Pikeville, Ky. My father has been dead about 10 years. I suggest that you write to Mrs. George Pinson. I am 52 years old. I married Ollie M. Caldwell of Catlettsburg, Ky. I have two children, daughters. Claudia Myrtle Damron, 18 yrs. old., Mae Bell Damron, 16 yrs. old. We live six miles west of Louisa, Ky. in Laurence Co. I'm sorry I can't go any farther back than my grandfather."

Annabel also received the following from Box 178, Punta Gorda, Fla., Reid Damron: "Jan. 3, 1955. "Your letter rec. about the descendants of the Damrons. I can't go back very far and I don't know of any one who has a family Bible, or anyone that has a record of the Damrons. My grandfather was named John Damron and my great grandfather was named Hiram Damron and my father told me that he wouldn't tell themwhere he came from but later years I learned from L.P. Damron who lived in another part of Carter Co that he had a great uncle who left Old Va. and came down in this country and they did not hear from him and heknew by what I told him that he was his great uncle and that we was related. His boys and mine went to the same school and people thought they was brothers. I am like you I would like to have a history of the Damron generations all that I can find out is that they all came fxm Old Va. as it was called at that time. L. P. Damron told me that some of the Damrons stopped in Pike Co., Ky. and I know that there is lots of Damrons up there if you would write the county clerk at Pike County you could get some information on the Damrons. My home is in Grayson, Ky. but I am writingfrom Florida. I am here for the winter. So wishing you the best of luck, I am yours truly, REID DAMRON. If you get a history, let me know."

Annabel also sent the Spurlock Bible record, giving additional information on John A. Logan Damron b. Oct. 24, 1884, and King Solomon Damron b. Sept. 10, 1888, d. Jan. 29, 1944.

Elihu Damron, Wise, Va. wrote July 31, 1953: "My father was raised in Pike County in Kentucky, but I think his father came from the State of Tennessee. Idon't know just what part. I didn't ask my father and he has been dead about two years. His name was Walter and his father's name was James and his grandfather's name was Walter. I am sorry that I can't give you much information about the family. But I have heard my father talk about some first cousins of his, one named Mathew and one Horne Damron and one named Auctor Damron. How I got your letter you wrote to my wife in Kingsport, Tenn, and she gave me the letter. We have been separated about 13 years. She has never married any more and I haven't married either. I am 44 years of age, have been working on the police here in Wise till about 3 year ago. I am now operating a restaurant in Wise for my sister and brothr-in-law, as they have another one at Pound, Va. that they look after. Mrs. Walker, I will try to find out more about my family. I will send you some pictures of the family in the next letter. Will close, excuse bad writing.

Mrs. John R. Brock, 1618 34th Avenue, Seattle 22, Wash. wrote to Annabel, Apr. 1, 1954: "My husband is deceased, but he originally came from Farmington, N.C. All of his family were living there in that part of the country at one time with the exception of a little sister who was living in Colorado and another brother Ed Brock whois now living in Seattle. My husband's father was John E. Brock and his wife's name before marriage was Cora Ward. John and Cora of Farmington are both dead now from natural causes in their 80's. The children--Hugh Brock and his family are in Farmington, N.C. So far as I know none have ever lived in Texas, but Hugh and Sue Brock could tell you more. Write to Hugh Brock and see what he can tell you concerning Susannah Damron Brock. Hope you are enjoying Good Health, and good luck to you."

LETTERS ON THE DAMRON GENEALOGY

Letter from R. L. Damron, 287 Newhouse Drive, Charleston, W. Va. Feb. 5, 1955: "Mose Damron was my grandfather. Come from Mulburry River in Missouri, settled in the head of Big Blaine Creek, Laurence Co., Ky. 16 miles from Louisa, around 1859. Two of grandfather's brothers stayed in the West, one's name was Bill and the other I think was Sam. Two bro. settled in Virginia, one settled in Tenn. (Lafe & John, don't know addresses). One settled in Ohio, address unknown,Tom. (David, address unknown, was the one in Tenn.) They agreed for the ones that stayed in the West to spell their names Dameron so they would know they were relations when they met up. My father's name was William B. Damron. He settled in Ky., moved to W. Va., died at Dunlow, W. Va. His brothers were Sam, Richard, John, Lafe, Tom, Dave. They were all named after Grandfather's brothers, one sister Narry Damron. Uncle Sam lived and died at Cassville, Ky. near Louisa. Uncle Richard settled at Doan, W. Va., lived and died at Doan, W. Va. Uncle Lafe & Uncle John, Uncle Tom went west. I never knew their address, they all three died in the west. Uncle Dave was a docter, settled near Salt Rock, W. Va. on Guryan River, lived and died there. One of Uncle Dave's daughters Mrs. Josephine Messinger, lives at Warfield, W. Va. I have never heard of a Joseph Damron. We have a homecoming on Damron Reunion in Wayne or Lincoln Cos. each year if you would like to come. Keep in touch with me and will give the date. We would like to have you or any of the relatives that would care to come. Hope you can use some of this. Sorry can't give addresses. Write again, yours truly, R. L. DAMRON.

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Bert Edgar Damron, Route 1, Box 4, Radnor, W. Va. wrote on Jan. 25, 1955:

FATHER: Edward Damron, Radnor, W. Va. born Sept. 10, 1855, died Feb. 17, 1940. Born and died in Wayne Co., W. Va. Wife, Nettie Smith. Children--Bert, Lucian & Robert Damron, all born here.

GRANDFATHER: Mose Damron, not known where born. Wife, Betty Kirk, not known where born. Children: R. G., Ed., Tom, Sam., John, Floyd, Vince, Wayne, Demiah, Thursie, Naomah & Cynthia Damron. (These children was born in Wayne Co., W.Va. They are all dead.)

GREAT-GRANDFATHER: Samuel Damron, place of birth not known. He had a wife and bond woman, had family by each. The bond woman was Smith, some of her children have taken the name Damron and some Smith.

GREAT-GREAT-GRANDFATHER: Not known.

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Harrison Damron, Route 1, Box 835, Pikeville, Ky. wrote on Jan. 26, 1955: "Dear distant cousin: Will rite you after some delay. Well I hant found out the first Damron that came to Ky. But I will give you some of the Damron names. Elisha Damron born about 1800, Wilson Damron, William Damron, my grand father, James H. Damron, my father, was born 1859, died March 1891. Robert Damron born 1837, died 1927. Robert Damron Wilson Damron and Wm. Damron were Yankee soldiers under Abraham Lincoln the Great President. The Damron family differ bad in their Politics. I will rite later. Well Miss Aiken who was your grandfather. What was your father's name? Pleny Damrons live in Pike Co., Ky. Well Buck Damron and Harve Damron lived Dickenson Co., Va. at Clintwood, Va. Also Dee Damron he was in the Rebel army all the Damrons lived close to gather so I will search the Pike Co. records and try to tell you more on the Damron family later. I am looking for an answer from you soon. Your distant cousin, Harrison Damron.

"Wm. Damron, my grandfather, died around 1896. I am a Abraham Lincoln Republican and Ike too. Write P. K. Damron, Virgie, Pike Co., Ky., Willard Damron, Pikeville, Ky, Route 1; R. W. Damron, Yeager, Ky. I was born at Yeager, Pike Co., Ky. July 23, 1889."

THE ANCESTRY OF LINCOLN'S MOTHER

According to Sarah Shipley Mitchell's granddaughter, Mrs. C. S. H.Vawter, Berrys and Mitchells went to Kentucky about 1789, during which Mrs. Mitchell was killed by Indians and her daughter captured. Mr. Mitchell was drowned searching for his daughter in the Dix river, accompanied by his friend Gen. Adair. The Mitchell children scattered --Daniel settled in Washington Co. near Springfield, near two cousins, Frank and Ned Berry. After Wayne's treaty, the captive was returned and became an intimate friend of Nancy Hanks, who then lived with Frank Berry. Nancy was noted as a seamstress and did this kind of work. Thomas Lincoln came to visit his brother Mordecai who lived near Major Berry, and met Nancy Hanks.

P. 14 of the Marriage Temple pamphlet said "Richard Berry was in Kentucky as early as 1780. He m. Rachel Shipley and lived on the six hundred acre farm on Beech Fork in Washington Co., Ky. where the Lincoln Marriage Cabin originally stood."

By searching the frontier counties for Berry, Mitchell, Hanks, Sparrow and related names, it should be possible to establish the place of residence of Nancy Hanks and her mother,which may have been Virginia or some county which was cut up into Tennessee or Kentucky after her birth.

CLAIBORNE COUNTY, TENNESSEE (taken from Hawkins 1801) RECORDS, Tazewell, Tenn.

JOHN BERY, on a jury Nov. 9, 1819. Other names listed 1819 were Stephen Cock, John Campbell, Robert Crockett. (P. 221.) Court Records.

THOMAS BERRY, on a jury May 11, 1820, with Fielding Lewis (this is the name of the man George Washington's sister married), James Brock, John McCarty, JOHN THOMPSON, Ralph Hatfield, Andrew Crockett, Alex Campbell. Court Records p. 144.

Claiborne Co., Tenn. Deeds. 12 June, 1799 (or 1790, not readable). State of North Carolina to JAMES BERRY, grant of 200 acres Powal's Valley. P. 429. Also in Deeds JAMES BERY, 100 acres, 97 or 93. (See Belcher.)

P. 428, Deeds. July 22, 1803: JOHN THOMPSON to Daniel Henry (?)(not readable), 200 acres at the head of Mulbery opposite Mulberry Gap on Powell's Mountain, joining Benjamin Sharp. (Mathew Reynolds was here 1804 on Mulberry Creek, also.)

THOMAS BERRY, witness with Wm. McCubbins, 21 May, 1814, Book D, p. 326, deed of John Casey and Walter Evans to Christopher Dameron, land near Roddy, Brumley, Monday, Cruchfield.

P. 252, Court Records, August 16, 1816: William Baker vs. Susanna Posey. Thisday came the parties in person and the defendant sayeth she was in passion when she spake the words in the declaration mentioned...etc. Witnesses: I. Cocke, W. Acklen, BERY POSEY, I. Cloud, Wm McConnell, D. Coudray, Wm. Bunch, JOHN BERRY.

Minute Book, court records: JOHN BERRY was on the jury for the trial of the State vs. Thomas Patton, Mar. 8, 1803.

CLAIBORNE COUNTY, TENN. MARRIAGE RECORDS:

Berry, Prior L. to Malinda Ausmus, 1856, Book 3, p. 76.
Berry, Jackson, to Elizabeth Eads, 1849, B. 2, p. 141.
Berry, John, to Sarah West, 1858, B. 3, p. 98.
Berry, William, to Elizabeth Wells, 1877, B. 4, p. 290. (Several Hatfields are listed in these marriages.)

In Gate City, Scott Co., Va. are the following who might have records: G. H. Shipley, Yuma Road; James F., Weber City; O. N. Shipley, W. W. Shipley, Yuma Road. Sarah Bush Lincoln's father was Christopher of Elizabethtown, Ky.,Dutch. She m. Daniel Johnston in March, 1806, when she was 17, and later Thomas Lincoln in 1819.

The Lincoln birthplace cabin has been a shrine since 1861, when it was bought by Dr. George Rodman to preserve it. It was taken around the country on exhibition and in 1911 was returned to its original site, after being sent to Louisville by military escort for a celebration in 1906. The cabin is Federal property now. Elizabeth town is onlya few miles from Hodgenville.

Near the Sinking Spring is a giant oak tree which has been recognizedas a landmark in deeds since 1786. This whole region is very beautiful landscape.

The National Park Service bulletin says: "Between...1783 and 1790 fifteen hundred Kentuckians were killed by Indians...Abraham Lincoln, the grandfather, (was) established in Rockingham County on a farm of about 262 acres...as early as 1776 this Abraham Lincoln had entered 1,000 acres of land in Kentucky. In 1780 the paternal grandfather of the future President sold his Virginia farm. The Lincolns moved to Kentuckysometime between 1782 and 1784...There is some evidence that it was on a tract of 800 acres of land on Green River in 1782, but, if true, they remained there only a short time. By 1784 the Lincoln family had moved to...what is now Louisville and was living on a tract of land on Long Run of Floyd's Fork in Jefferson County." Here he was killed by Indians, age about 42 years, in the presence of Mordecai, age about fifteen, eldest son, Josiah, and Thomas. Thomas about 1798 perhaps made a trip to "Tennessee and lived with an uncle for about 1 year, returning to Kentucky about 1800 and taking up residence in Elizabethtown," Hardin Co. Thomas lived from 1776 to 1851, and Nancy Hanks from about 1784 to 1818, "born in the backwoods of Virginia, reared midst the primeval forests of Kentucky."

The first record found of Nancy Hanks concerns her mother Lucy Hanks, Nov. 24, 1789, Mercer Co., Ky. She probably"came from Virginia with her mother sometime between 1785 and 1789," perhaps with Joseph Hanks, who had arrived there by Feb. 28, 1787. Her oldest child, Sarah, b. 1807, died in childbirth 1828, age 21. Her son Thomas died as an infant. Of her three children, only Abraham lived beyond youth.

A. L. Huttinger, Superintendent at the Lincoln National Historical Park, Hodgenville, Ky. let us look at a book: "Lincoln's Parentage and Childhood," by L. A. Warren, as the best authority onthis subject. It said Lucy Hanks gave birth to Nancy in Virginia Feb. 4, 1784, and she d. Oct. 5, 1818. She moved age three to Kentucky. Lucy married Henry Sparrow Apr. 31, 1791. The author refers to "Nancy Hanks" by Caroline Hanks Hitchcock, who found the will of Joseph Hanks in Bardstown, Nelson Co., Ky. Shesaid Sparrow was the name of a family Lucy Hanks was related to and afterward she married Henry Sparrow. The book says that Lucy had a sister, Rachel Shipley, who married Richard Berry, and also a sister who married Robert Mitchell. Nancy was brought up by Richard Berry and his wife at Beechland, Washington Co., Ky. When she was three she crossed to Kentucky with Joseph and Lucy Shipley Hanks, and was an orphan at the age of nine. The marriage bond of Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks, June 10, 1806, signed by Richard Berry and witnessed by John H. Parrott, is in the County Courthouse at Springfield, Ky. Rev. Jesse Head performed the ceremony, a Methodist. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Richard Berry, James Thompson, William Hardesty, Dr. Christopher Columbus Graham, Felix Grundy, Sarah Shipley Mitchell, Mrs. John Springer, who was Elizabeth Ingram, Mrs. Litsey. Probably also the following were present: Nancy Hanks, aunt of the bride, Thomas and Betty Sparrow, Jesse and Polly Friend, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sparrow. The latter were Nancy's mother's connections. LucyHanks married Henry Sparrow Apr. 26, 1790, bond at Harrodsburg, Ky.

P. 29 of the booklet on Lincoln's Marriage temple shows other marriages at Springfield, Ky. by Jesse Head in 1806 etc.--Morris Berry and Peggy Sims, 1806; David Mize and Hannah Peter; Charles Ridge and Anna Davis, John Head and Sallie Clark; Benj. Clark and Polly Head; Edw. Pile and Rosannah McMahon...Anthony Lytsey and Kesiah Pirtle, Aaron Hardin and Hannah B._____, Daniel Payne and Christiana Pierce, Benj. Clark and Polly Clark, Hugh Hoskins and Betsey Dyer, John Graham and Catherine Jones. Isaac Shelby lived near Berry.

THE SHIPLEYS IN CLAIBORNE COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Claiborne County, Tennessee, Deeds (which begin in 1800):

Book C. p. 55: EDWARD SHIPLEY hath title to the within named tract of land, Edward Scott Register of the Land Office for East Tennysee I do certify that this grant recorded the 11th May 1810 No. 747 fifth district of No. 248 dated 31 March 1809 bound on a warent of 221 issued to the heirs of John Cooper a Corporal for 1,000 acres dated 28 Nov. 1805, one hundred acres of which assigned to Edward Shipley... There is granted to Edward Shipley 40 acres in dist. of Hamilton, adj. Isaac Lane's land, surveyed Apr. 3, 1809. (Signed) WILLIE BLOUNT, Secy.

Book A, p. 374: EDWARD SHIPLEY. Thomas Jeffers to EDWARD SHIPLEY, deed, both of Claiborne County, dated Nov. 30, 1807, for 19 acres at Sycamore Creek. Wits. Jos. Acklen, David McReynolds, Joseph Coaffer. (From old p. 438, in old records.)

Book A. P. 376: Thomas Jeffers to EDWARD SHIPLEY (page in original record 440): February Term, 1808, for 200 acres of land on the north side Clinch River on headwaters of Sycamore Creek joining 640 acres surveyed in the name of Stokeley Donelson. (207 acres is noted.) Witnesses: Jos. Aclen, Josiah Coafer, Mary Coafer, 21 Apr.1808.

(Also on SycamoreCreek were David and Jacob Shults, perhaps the same later in Adair Co., Ky. whose desc. went to Weakley Co., Tenn.)

Book E. p. 197: Dec. 30, 1816. EDWARD SHIPLEY of Claiborne County deed to John Simons of Warren Co., Tennysee, for $200.00, land on Tye's Branch of Sycamore Creek. Witnesses: Gideance Shipley and Yablath Shipley (or Gablath).

Book E. p. 227: EDWARD SHIPLEY to John Simons of Warren Co., Tenn. for $1,000.00 deed for land on Tye's Branch of Sycamore Creek 320 acres. 22 Dec. 1816. Wits.GABBATH SHIPLEY GIDANCE SHIPLEY (X). (Edward Shipley signed with his own name.)

Index to deeds of Claiborne County also shows the following: Jesse Shipley, 1821, Book R, p. 207. Peter Shipley, same year, 1821, Book R. p. 210 $1200.00. It also shows Wm. Scalf, 1850, Ira and Isaac Scalf, 1850. Also JOHN BERY, 1830, Book I, p. 383, for $500.00; also THOMAS BERRY to Hurst 1818, Book G, p. 18. Also A. and M. Buchanan 1845 and W. R. and Andrew B. Buchanan 1855.

Book G. p. 64 shows a deed from GABART OR TABART SHIPLEY et. al. to Hurst, Hiram, deed 1820, for $600.00. MARY BERRY, has a deed 1839, Book N, p. 145. Andrew Buchanan had a deed 1854. MARY BERRY has another deed 1856. In 1838 JOHN BROCK has a deed. Bowlings are here. RALEIGH SHIPLEY was on jury 1813, p.179, Nov.

Note: Lewis A. Warren was doing Lincoln research for the Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., at Ft. Wayne, Indiana. His book said Thomas Lincoln of Hingham, Mass. was perhaps the ancestor of Abraham, and that Thomas Lincoln was 5thin descent from Samuel Weaver who landed 1637.

We did not look for Mitchells nor Hanks in any of the counties, nor for Lincolns. These frontier counties were all part of Virginia at one time, and Ky. began demanding separation from Virginia from 1784 to 1790, about the time Nancy Hanks was born. Also the settlements on the Holston and Watauga were thought to be Virginia soil after settlement in 1769 and they were independent for some time. James Adair of S.C. was the first to go to Tennessee. Claiborne County was the gateway of the road to Kentucky and to Virginia near the Cumberland Gap, coming from the Tennessee side. If Nancy were born in these disputed frontier regions she might refer to it as "Virginia", as some settlers did and others did not, depending on their views. Henry Sparrow was a revolutionary soldier and of a good family. Mitchell was a friend ofGen. Adair. THOMAS MITCHELL, JESSEE CLARK, WILLIAM CLARK, LEWIS BUSH Were in the 9th Va. Regt. under Thomas Fielding, Dec. 1776. This was an Albemarle Co. Va., regiment, which I have had traced for the first time.

A FRONTIER CHRONOLOGY

1607 Jamestown was settled, the anniversary being in 1957. It was 350 years ago.
1648 There were 15,000 English and 300 negroes in Virginia.
1650 Col. Wm. Ball settled in the Northern Neck, ancestor of George Washington's mother, Mary Ball. He was said to be descended from John Ball of Kent who was in the Wat Tyler and Jack Straw rebellion in 1381 and lost his head. The Washingtons also came to the Northern Neck about 1656.
1652 Lawrence Dameron has a land grant in Northumberland County, Va.
1749 The French begin taking over the Ohio Valley so the Virginiansdecide to organize land companies to occupy the western lands. Dr. Thomas Walker went through the Cumberland Gap in 1750, the first agent and surveyor.
1753 George Washington, a surveyor, was sent to warn the French that Virginia claimed the Ohio country. He was one of the Virginians most interested in the frontier.
1755 Braddock's army of 1300 men sailed up the Potomac on their wayto fight the French on the frontier. George Washington joins them age 23--he was b. 1732.
1766 115 men of the Northern Neck fire the first gun of the Revolution by drawing up a set of Resolves, one being Richard Henry Lee, ancestor of Robert E. Lee. The Lees were leaders in the Revolution.

1736 Lazarus Dameron buys land from John Cannon in Goochland north of the Fluvanna River, which was later cut off into Albemarle. It adjoined Edward Scott. The county was not formed until 1744. The first patent on record was 1722.
1737 Peter Jefferson came from Chesterfield to Albemarle and was one of the first settlers, there being but 3 or 4 other persons living in his neighborhood then. This was near the plantations of the Ladds and Damrons. Peter was the first surveyor and the father of Thomas Jefferson who was born at Shadwell, Albemarle County, near the Damron place at Scottsville. Hence the Damrons were among the first pioneers in Albemarle. This wasthe cradle of Jeffersonian democracy, which Thomas Jefferson learned from the self-government of the Albemarle small farmers. The Ladds were in this region by 1732, and sold a farm to Peter Jefferson in 1750 in the large curve of the Fluvanna (upper James) about a mile from Scottsville. In 1747 a road was opened from State River "near Mr. Marrs to the Court House...Noble Ladd and John Ladd are ordered to clear the same Noble Ladd overseer. Noble Ladd and Gideon Marrs are ordered to march out the same." The Ladds were originally Quakers from Norfolk. The stream of migrationto the frontiers from Albemarle went on to Kentuckyand North Carolina. You will find many Pike County names in Albemarle patents such as John Carter, Thomas Jones, David Lewis, Jonathan Clark, Joseph Smith, Charles Lewis, Thomas Carr, Roger Thompson, Michael Thomas, Jr. James Coleman, Joseph Martin, James Lee, William Rice, Mary Patterson, Arthur Hopkins, etc. also Spurlocks.
1751 Daniel Boone's parents, Squire and Sara Boone, moved to the Yadkin Valley, in N.C. about 1751, with Daniel born 1734 (he d. 1820). Daniel's parents are buried in a frontier graveyard with crude fieldstone markers near Mocksville, N.C. Daniel and his wife are buried now in Frankfort. We visited the graves and took photographs of them. The Boones were in Pennsylvania near Reading before migrating, which is where Abraham Lihcoln's family lived before moving to the Shenandoah Valley near Harrisonburg. I also took a picture of the Lincoln graveyard there, which is being dug up by woodchucks. It is in an alfalfa field and the Pennybackers are also buried there, related to Lincolns. There is a fine big colonial farmhouse on this farm where Abraham Lincoln's grandfather lived before moving to Kentucky where he was killed by Indians about 1786.
1756-7 Fort Loudon was built on the Little Tennessee in the Knoxville region but this first attempt resulted in a massacre in 1760.
1757 Capt. John Damron was born, probably in Albemarle Co., Va.
1761 William Carson has a land grant in North Carolina, the grandfather of Kit Carson. Kit's father Lindsey later moved to Madison Co., Ky. Kit was born in the Yadkin Valley on Hunting Creek. His uncle Andrew was a famous Revolutionary soldier and scout who married the sister of Mary Young, Thomas Moody's wife. The Yadkin Valley was the cradle of overmountain Indian scouts and Revolutionary soldiers at Kings Mountain etc. Boone lived in Rowan county (cut off into David in 1836). This whole region was originally Rowan County, N.C. and the Moodys, Ladds and some Damrons were part of this frontier community.

1771 Surry Co., N.C. Tax list has JOHN DAMRON, NOBLE LADD, CONSTANT LADD, etc. This means that this John Damron was over 21 years of age. In 1774-5 he is brought up in a legal case in Surry for debt. Noble Ladd's will in 1782 mentions his daughter Anne.

1767 MOSES DAMERON buys land in Rowan Co., N.C. on Blackey's Branch, north side of the Dan River from Wm. Johnston. In 1770 he sells this land to Hugh Dennum, it having been a grant to Patrick Mullins. In 1767 Moses Damron also bought land of Patrick Mullins in Rowan Co., N.C. north of the Dan River, granted 1756 to Mullins at the mouth of Blackey's branch. This is near the Virginia border.

1767 Daniel Boone of the Yadkin Valley in N.C. makes his first trip to Kentucky attracted by the story of John Finley, an Indian trader, who went down the Ohio in 1752 in a canoe to the Louisville region. (Note: in 1746-7 John Finley had a lawsuit for debt in Albemarle Co., Va.) Robert King had 245 acres surveyed in 1745-6 and he and Lazarus Damron were on a case in 1745, Albemarle Co., Va. Was he the ancestor of Solomon King?

1769 Several cabins were built on the Holston and Wautaga rivers in Tennessee, then thought to be in Virginia. In 1771 a settlement was made near the present Rogersville and in 1772 another at the store of Jacob Brown on the Nollichucky.

1769, June 2, a party of "Long Hunters" went to Kentucky for eight or nine months,, about forty men, the survivors being led by Col. James Knox. Their return caused a sensation. Ramsay's Annals of Tennessee and Fain's Index says, p. 44, that the Long Hunters were "a party of forty hunters from the Yadkin Valley in N.C. who were called Long Hunters because of their long stay in the Kentucky wilderness." They were men who liked to rove and explore. They wore long hair, fringed buckskins and moccasins, and carried their long rifles and long hunting knives. On p. 95 Ramsay says that on June 2, 1769, a party of hunting adventurers went to Tennessee, including Kasper Mansco, John Baker, Abraham Bledsoe, Obadiah Terrill, Robert Crockett. They came by way of the Holston and Cumberland Gap. Some were from N.C. and SOME FROM VIRGINIA. Robert Crockett was killed at Roaring River. They hunted eight or nine months, and some returned in April, 1770. Marshall & Monette say that in New River, Holston River and Clinch River regions "about 40 stout hunters for the purpose of hunting and trapping west of Cumberland Mountains" went to the wilderness. They had rifles, traps, dogs, blankets and dressed in the hunting shirt, leggins and moccasins. The names of these adventurers are now not known. The leader and nine others of the company penetrated to the Lower Cumberland--they are known as the Long Hunters. Col. James Knox led the remainder.

In May, 1769, Daniel Boone and John Findley went to Kentucky to hunt. Boone was not with the Long Hunters but they found him lying on his back in the woods singing at the top of his lungs as if he were a boy back home (p. 47.) Boone then went with the Long Hunters to the big bend of the Cumberland River. By 1771 Boone had been away from the Yadkin Valley two years. Near the Cumberland Gap he was robbed of his furs by the Indians, all his two years' work. The Long Hunters had a camp in Wayne County near Monticello. They had a bad time and so many were killed or disappeared that only nine remained under Knox. Then twelve more joined up, but two were captured. Their names are not all known but those who lived returned to the Yadkin with tales of the new land which started the migration there. Jesse Bledsoe wrote on a tree "2300 dear skins lost, ruination, By God." He was one of the Long Hunters.

Matthias Harmon was one of the "Long Hunters," who went to the Big Sandy in 1787 with a "party consisting of Henry Harman, Henry Skaggs, James Skaggs Robert Hawes, SOME OF THE DAMRONS, anda man named Draper." Was Lazarus Damron one of the Long Hunters? Mary Irene McIntosh of Prestonburg, Ky. said she thought he might have been. The Damrons of Kentucky have a tradition that they came from N.C. before going to Kentucky. Perhaps Moses Damron who sold his land in 1770 was a Long Hunter and decided to leave Rowan Co., N.C. that year, as no further record of him in N.C. has been found though JOHN DAMRON was there in 1775, no record of him after that has been found either. These early Damrons were all Indian fighters and frontiersmen, anyway. We were not able to find any trace of Lazarus Damron in N.C., however, in 1955.

The Ladds left Albemarle and went to the Yadkin Valley, and it looks as if the Damrons of Rowan and Surry may have gone with them and are of the Albemarle Damrons. Capt. John Damron married Anne Ladd,-our ancestors. This must have been in N.C. and he must have been fighting there in the Revolution. The stream of migration went from Albemarle and the Shenandoah Valley into the Yadkin Valley and from there to Kentucky and Tennessee, with an interim period in the Cumberland Gap region, where the Damrons located after the Revolution. The N.C. government had been oppressive and settlers left because of this. The

1771 Regulator Insurrection in 1771 failed in N.C. and hundreds of Regulators made their way into the wilderness to escape taxes and punishment. In 1770 Surry was cut from Rowan and Stokes from Surry 1789.

1770 James Robertson of Wake Co., N.C. went to the Holston and found one settler, Honeycutt, living in his hut. He was the first settler and William Bean the second.

1771 The Shelbys settled on or near North Mountain, Washington Co. Evan was a son. Washington County, then N.C. was formed 1777, including all of present Tennessee. (I noted in the county records p. 10, William Aiken; p. 20 Henry Lyles, in court records, the latter selling 376 acres to Joshua Houghton,1778. Jonesboro is the oldest town in Tennessee--this is where Davy Crockett lived.

1770 George Washington set the land rush in motion to the Big Sandy river, taking out the first patent in the name of John Fry. By 1773 the frontier activity was chiefly in the Big Sandy region and Patrick Henry had a survey made here.

1772 The overmountain people who had crossed the mountain ranges were called squatters and told to vacate on Watauga. This made them angry. In 1776 a petition was signed asking to be annexed to the Provincial Congress--nearly all the signers were later at Kings Mountain--Wm. Been, Jacob Brown, John Carter, Chairman, Jacob Womack, Abraham Cox etc. Others were Wm. Cox, David Crockett, William, Daniel Morris, Shardick etc. Wm. Reeves, Emanuel Shote,etc.

1773 Daniel Boone took his family to Kentucky. No family and no female had gone before this. They were turned back by Indians.

1772 The Watauga Association was formed with its own court, as N.C. gave no protection to the settlers. This territory was annexed to N.C. 1776 as the Washington district, which became Washington Co. 1777--claiming the Mississippi river as the western boundary.

1774 James Harrod sets up the first permanent settlement in Kentucky at Harrodsburg. In October of this year the battle of Point Pleasant, now in W. Ba., resulted in driving back the Indians and made settlement possible. The old fort has been reproduced and I took pictures of it in 1956, and also of the quaint little frontier graveyard adjoining it, which has stones placed over the bodies to keep off the wolves etc. The Lincoln Marriage Temple is also there and the Richard Berry cabin is placed in it, where Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks were married. The Mansion Museum has a Lincoln room on one side and a Confederate room on the other--Kentucky was neutral in the Civil War and still is.

1775 Daniel Boone founded Boonesborough, which was attacked by Indians 1777 and 1778. Boone marked the Wilderness Trail through the Cumberland Gap in 1775, the main trace for the settlers to follow.

1775 Richard Henderson of N.C. made a treaty with theIndians for Transylvania, which was declared void by Virginia in 1778. Henderson lived near the Moodys in N.C.

1775 Boone was the advance agent for Richard Henderson's Transylvania land company and with an armedband of thirty men he blazed the Wilderness Road and founded Boonesborough on the Kentucky River, top of Madison County. In 1776 Boone was a captain of militia and was captured in 1778 and taken to Detroit. His family returned to N.C. but he brought them back in 1779 and made a new settlement. He was sheriff of the new Fayette County and was representative to the Virginia legislature. He lost his best land through unfair ejectment suits and became so disgusted he took his wife, Rebecca, in 1799 to Missouri to the Osage Valley. In 1845 his body and that ofhis wife were brought to Frankfort. Boone was a remarkable man. He wrote an excellent hand and was a good surveyor. In Harrodsburg is a letter from him saying the Indians were gathering and he did not know ifhe would live to write another. His initials on the bark of a tree are also there when he lived near Harrodsburg in a cave one winter.

1776 The families on the Holston had to go back to the settlements though the Cherokees were broken up. Thomas Moody was a Revolutionary soldier sent to fight at the Long Island of the Holston in 1776.

1776 July 4. Declaration of Independence, written by Thomas Jefferson. Some of his ideas came down from Cromwell through Locke etc., as England was a Republic in the time of Cromwell and the Puritans 1642 to 1660. Albemarle and the frontiersmen from there supported Jefferson in Congress and as Governor.

1776 Kentucky County was formed out of Fincastle County, Va. Four years later it was divided into Jefferson, Lincoln and Fayette Counties of Virginia, but the name Kentucky was again given to these counties in 1783. In 1791 the state of Kentucky was created and admitted 1792, Gen. Isaac Shelby as first governor.

1776 Abraham Lincoln, grandfather of Abe, entered 1,000 acres of land in Kentucky. He sold his Shenandoah farm in 1780. By 1782-84 there is some evidence Lincoln was on Green River on 800 acres of land. In 1784 they were in Jefferson Co. In 1786 Abraham was killed by Indians, in presence of his son Thomas.

1776 John Damron joined the Revolutionary army, so did Thomas Moody. John Damron was sick at Valley Forge 1778.

1778 James Robertson of Virginia, who had been prominent in Watauga, set out to prepare the way for permanent occupation in Tennessee at French Lick. In 1780 another party arrived, led by John Donelson, father of Rachel Donelson, who was the wife of President Andrew Jackson.

1780 Richard Berry is said to be in Kentucky with his wife Rachel Shipley, sister of Lucy Shipley, Nancy Hanks' mother.

1780 Capt. John Damron is in Washington County, Va. and is a witness of the will of Wm. Dorton.

1780, April, Lazarus Damron enlists in Washington Co., Va. under Col. Campbell and fights at Kings' Mountain.

1780, Josiah Marcum enlists and was 18 months a drummer boy and private. He was born in Chesterfield Co., Va. 1759, and enlisted in Bedford Co., Va. moving to Kentucky after the Revolution where he resided in Lawrence County. He meantime was in Russell County, Va. with the Damrons. He fought at Camden and Guilford.

1780 The Battle of Kings' Mountain turns the tide of the whole Revolution. The frontiersmen defeated the British to annihilation. Kings' Mountain is in the Blue Ridge near Gastonia, N.C. The book KING'S MOUNTAIN, by Newsome, p. 233 says the Americans went from Cowpens, S.C. (this is where Andrew Jackson lived then), and arrived October 7, 1780. It was fought by frontier patriots, including 240 men under Isaac Shelby of Sullivan County; 240 from Washington County led by John Sevier; 400 men from Virginia under William Campbell, and 350 men from Wilkes and Surry Counties, N.C. under Ben Cleaveland and Jos. Winston. The author says one can only assume a man was from the county that his commander was from as records are so fragmentary. Many of the mountain families had ancestors in this battle whohave no record of it. At Kings' Mountain the frontiersmen killed 119, wounded 123 and captured 664. The Americans lost 28 killed and 62 wounded. The action was not under either stateor continental control or command. The fight lasted only one hour Oct. 7, 1780--they killed the British commander, Major Patrick Ferguson, and took all his men. This battle enabled General Greene to break Lord Cornwallis. It was fought by volunteers and militia without any authorization, so the men did not claim it in their pension records and often left itout of their records. Therefore it is hard to find any record of the men who fought there. They were the mountain frontiersmen who had decided to push the British and Tories out once and for all, after suffering severely from them.

Gwathmey's book on the Kings' Mountain men lists the men who fought. "James Fraley, resident of Lawrence County, Ky. served under Col. Wm. Campbell and Capt. Snody; was nine months an Indian spy in Washington Co., Va. and enlisted Mar. 3, 1779. The man who spied with him about a year was Lazarus Dameron who enlisted April 1780 for one year in Washington Co. under Col. Campbell and Capt. Snody. Campbell went to Kings Mt. Lazarus Dameron enlisted the second time when Fraley did and they went together as comrades."

Capt. John Damron and Moses Damron could have been at Kings' Mountain with Lazarus Damron under Campbell. Moses Dorton and William Dorton, Jr. were at Kings' Mountain under Campbell, the former's horse being killed at Whitsell's mill. We know that in Feb. 1780, the year of Kings' Mountain, John Damron and Wm. Dorton, Jr. were witnesses to the will of Wm. Dorton in Washington Co., Va., which mentioned Dorton's wife Eliz. and children Wm., Moses, Edward and Sally. (Book 1, p. 40, p. 1344, Summers' Annals of Southwest Virginia.)

George Damron wasat Kings' Mountain and is listed by White and Gwathmey as the one of Halifax Co., Va. who was pensioned in Lincoln Co., N.C. See also p. 480 N.C. Pension List. He was under Major Chronicle at Kings' Mountain. However, the pension of George Damron of Lincoln Co., N.C. says he was a prisoner from 1779 to "the conclusion of the war." Therefore, I think this may be George Damron of Amherst, who is perhaps the same George Damron in Russell Co., Va. 1793, and who went from there no doubt to Green Co., Ky. where he died 1801. This George was the son of George of Albemarle Co., Va. and 1st cousin to the other Russell Co., Va. Damrons. The George of Lincoln Co., N.C. may be of theAlbemarle family also, or of the Brunswick-Caswell Damerons. George Damron of Lincoln Co. enlisted March 1777 in the Continental Service under Capt. John Dooly's horse, in Pittsylvania Co., Va. In March, 1779 he "was taken prisoner by the enemy and remained in their custody until the conclusion of the war."

The mountain frontiersmen fought in the Revolution against both the British and Tories in South Carolina, under John Sevier and Evan Shelby, in the Watauga region, chiefly as partisan rangers under Charles McDowell (1743-1815.)

1783-1790 Between these years 1,509 Kentuckians were killed by Indians.

178_ Nancy Hanks is said to have moved to Kentucky age three with her mother Lucy Shipley who married Joseph Hanks; Lucy married Henry Sparrow in 1791, a Revolutionary soldier. Another source says Nancy came to Virginia to Kentucky with her mother from 1785-89, the date not being known, but that Joseph Hanks had arrived by 1787. Warren said Nancy was born in Virginia Feb. 4,1784. It is not known where she was born but in those days "Virginia" included parts of N.C., Tennessee and border regions, so it might have been in any backwoods region. I found Berrys and Shipleys in Claiborne Co., Tenn. and in 1784 this was considered part of Virginia. Lucy m. Sparrow in Harrodsburg, Ky. Isaac lived near the Berrys of the Shelby family--the Shelbys were early settlers in 1771 near No. Mt. Washington Co., Evan being the son. Isaac Shelby commanded 240 men of Sullivan County at Kings' Mt. (He lived in Ky. near the Berrys is what I meant in above sentence.) In 1772 the land north of the Holston was thought to be Virginia, now Hawkins and Sullivan Counties. Gen. Adair was said to be a friend of the Mitchells, also. Ramsay p. 102 says the Holston river line divided North Carolina and Virginia. Each settler was allowed 400 acres if he had a log cabin built. At this time N.C. was so badly misgoverned that many settlers moved to Watauga. (When I was in Asheville, N.C. Thomas Wolfe's mother told me that Nancy Hanks' mother lived in the mountains nearby along the Pigeon, as I remember it.) It was Daniel Boone who piloted the first settlers to Watauga.

1785 The new state of Franklin was formed by the Watauga settlers, Sevier governor. By 1781 at the end of the Revolution the western settlements were swarming. Robertson was sent to the N.C. legislature and the settlements became Davidson County with Nashville as the seat. By 1790 Tennessee became a state, Wm. Blount, governor, Knoxville the capital. By 1795 Tennessee had 60,000 free inhabitants. John Sevier was governor and Wm. Blount and Wm. Cocke senators. Andrew Jackson became later the dictator in politics up to 1836. Here was the center of the Jacksonian democracy among the mountain and frontier people.

1788 John Damond (Damron) had a land grant in Greene Co. formerly N.C. of 200 acres. In 1793 Joseph Damron had a grand in Green Co. These are the Damerons who went from Halifax Co., N.C. and were cut off into Jefferson Co., Tenn.

1786 Moses Damron of the Albemarle branch buys land on Gravelly Lick, Washington Co.,
1786 Davy Crockett was born Aug. 17, 1786, the 5th of 9 children. His Va.
father, John Crockett, fought at Kings Mountain with the militia from Lincoln County. After the Revolution John moved from Lincoln Co. to Limestone Creek about 12 miles south of Jonesboro, and here Davy was born. Davy's grandparents were killed while living in Rogersville. Davy'sbrother Joseph, who was deaf and dumb, was captured by Indians and held 17 years. He was redeemed by his oldest brother, Wm. In 1794 John was in Jefferson Co. Davy's marriage license was found in the Dandridge County courthouse. Davy said his father was born in Ireland or on the sea. His mother was Rebecca Hawkins b. in Maryland and related to the first wife of Col. Sevier. There was a Joseph Crockett a cpt. of militia of Fincastle in the Kings Mountain Battle. (p. 164, White.) Davy lived near Dandridge, Tenn. part of his life and died at the Alamo in Texas. In 1795 JOSEPH DAMERON was on a jury in the case of JOHN CROCKETT vs. John Martin for a debt of $40.62 1/2 cents. In 1821 JOHN CROCKETT was a witness to a deed of WILLIAM DAMERON of Madison, Mississippi, for land on the Nolichucky which he sold to Isaac Curry.

Kings are among the first settlers of Tennessee, Also Coxes, Taylors, Buchanans and Crocketts. When in 1771 Evan and Isaac Shelby built a fort near Bristol, it was partly in Virginia and partly in Tennessee, so Nancy Hanks might have been born in this part of "Virginia" so-called.

In 1799 Sullivan Co., Tenn. the second county, was created by the state of N.C. after a survey showed it was not in Virginia as theretofore thought. Hawkins was formed from Sullivan by the State of N.C. 1786, while the state of Franklin was concurrently functioning. Claiborne was formed 1801 from Grainger and Hawkins.

In 1804 Joseph Dameron sold the land he lived on and moved to Lincoln Co. later. John Dameron was still in Jefferson in 1806 witnessing a deed for Joseph Dameron. Joseph's original grant was on Bent Creek on the main road from Bull's Gap and Dandridge, where his father lived in1804.

1787 Henry Harman, one of the Long Hunters, took a party of 20 men including some of the Damrons to the Big Sandy and constructed a camp, but it was destroyed by Indians.

1789 The Leslies tried to settle at the mouth of Paint Creek on Tug River but were driven out by Indians. They returned 1791 to John's Creek and settled.

1786 Moses Damron has the first deed ever recorded in Russell Co., Va. on Clinch R.

1789 Thomas Lincoln, Abe's father, lived with an uncle in Tennessee for a year, returning to Elizabethtown in Hardin County, Ky. in 1800.

1791 Capt. John Damron buys 170 acres on Clinch R. Russell Co. Va.

1793 George Damron is in Russell Co., Va. in a lawsuit, so is over age 21.

1793 Floyd County, Ky. was known as District No. 1, Floyd Co. but was part of Mason.

1794 Joseph and John Damron are in Jefferson Co., Tenn. Christopher and John are there 1808. These are the Damrons of Halifax Co,, N.C.

1798 Moses Damron and wife Sarah are in Fleming Co., Ky. (later cut off into Floyd.)

1800 Elisha Damron, son of Richard, was born, probably in Russell Co., Va.

1806 Thomas Lincoln married Nancy Hanks in Washington Co. Ky. at the cabin of her uncle and guardian, Richard Berry. He m. Rachel Shipley andwas said to be in Kentucky by 1780.

1807 Sarah Bush married Daniel Johnston; she m. Thomas Lincoln 1819 and was Abe's stepmother. Her father was Christopher Bush of Elizabethtown, Ky. Dutch colonial. She had known Thomas Lincoln when she was young, living then in Hardin Co., Ky.

1808 Richard Damron has a land grant in Floyd Co., Ky. on Shelby Creek.

1809 Abraham Lincoln, the President, was born at Hodgenville, Ky. In 1816 his father took the family to Indiana.

1804 Lazarus Damron had settled in Kentucky by this year.

1809 Richard Damron is in Floyd Co., Ky. with John May.

1811 Moses Damron marries Polly Preston, Floyd Co., Ky.

1812 Moses Damron marries Jennie Mullins in Floyd Co., Ky., going to Illinois 1826.

THE MEN WHO FOUGHT AT KINGS' MOUNTAIN, 1780

I have looked up some of the men connected with the Damrons who fought at Kings' Mountain in the book by K. K. White, THE KINGS MOUNTAIN MEN. The author says the pensions do not cite the battle as it was not under either state or continental command.

WILLIAM MARTIN of Albemarle Co., Va. at age 16 ran away as a trapper and trader. He travelled with Daniel Boone and Walker 1769. He was tall and handsome and had a beautiful Indian wife, but his first wife was of a good Virginia family. He lived in Smith Co., Tenn. 1843, at Dixon's Springs.

WILLIAM COX p. 162 was under Shelby. He lived on Watauga 1775. In 1793 he was Justice of the Court. All the Justices were Kings' Mountain men. (A Benjamin Cox was in the 9th Virginia with John Damron 1776 with Lewis Bush, Jesse Clark, etc.)

WILLIAM CRABTREE was one of the Long Hunters with Knox 1770 and at Kings' Mt.

JONAH CULBERTSON was one of the best sharpshooters in Shelby's regiment.

SAMUEL DAVIS was with Kings' Mt. men with Campbell's regt.

HENRY DICKENSON p. 168 was in Capt. Colville's Company of Campbell's Regt. Record given by Draper. Colville's Co. should be looked up for Damrons etc.

JAMES DYSART b. Ireland, and on the Holston, was Capt. under Campbell at Kings' Mt. He was a Long Hunter.

JOHN ADAIR p. 114. In latter part of 1775 "They marched about the head of Clinch River, a place called Elk Garden and Blackmore's Fort. The Indians...were commanded by a chief called Logan." Was he the friend of Lincoln's family?

MATTHEW KUYKENDALL was in Campbell's regiment. Ben. and Jos. located grants in Sumner Co., Tenn. Both were killed by Indians 1792. (Smith was taken from Sumner about 1799, so Thompsons were here too. There is a book HISTORIC SUMNER COUNTY by J.S. Cisco.)

ELISHA REYNOLDS b. Wilkes Co., 1775, p. 220, was in skirmishes under Rutherford 1776, fought the Tories at New River and under Cleveland at Kings' Mt. Died age 81.

GILLESPIE, THOMAS, JR. was under Campbell at KM. Thos.and George were on the Watauga 1772. In 1786 Capt. Thomas G. settled 3 miles below the mouth of the French Broad. Other Kings' Mt. men located theirgrants in the vicinity. His fort at Watauga was raided 1774. His blockhouse on the Holston was often threatened. William G. was Capt. with Sevier in border warfare. George was brother to Thomas. (I am not sure all these Gillespies were at KM.)

CHOAT (SHOAT) p. 237, Greenbury C. was b. Virginia 1751, enlisted from Washington Co., Tenn. 1779. Was under Capt. Geo. Russell at KM. Appl. for pension 1833 from Johnson Co., Ill.

MARTIN PRUITT enlisted Washington Co., Va. and was pensioned at Madison, Ill. where he died 1841, age 92, married in N.C. 1771 Martha Woods. (Note that in the old Damron Bible in Illinois the names found were Jese Choat, William Choat, Jems Pruit.)

JOHN McLAIN b. 1760, Pa. d. Ga. 1844. He was at 96. Children David, John, Charles, Ephraim and James N., Margaret McLure, Jane Porter, Ann, who m. Alex Mauldin (?), p. 241.

COL. RICHARD ALLEN, Sr. b. Maryland 1741, in 1770 moved to Rowan Co. now Wilkes. Oct.-Nov. joined 1775 under Capt. Jesse Walter 1st Co. of Wilkes and marched to Cross Creek on Fayetteville Feb. 13 as Scotch Tories were rising. Joined by Surry militia at Old Richmond under Col. Armstrong. Marched to Randolph County and were joined by Col. Martin. Alexander Martin of Continental Line. Went to Fayetteville or Cross Creek. The day before they arrived there had been a battle under Gen. Moore's Whigs and McDonald and a victory. Walter had to take prisoners to guard to Hillsboro and was gone 2 months. Then joined Benj. Clevelandagainst the Indians 2 weeks. Tories in the Blue Ridge on the Northwest side, Gen. Lincoln. Took prisoners of Kings' Mt. to Moravian Towns in Stokes Co. and stayed awhile.

THOMAS YOUNG b. S.C. a major, pension 1838. William Young enl. S.C. d. S.C.

JOS. DICKSON of Rowan d. Rutherford, Tenn. p. 168, was Major at KM. Andrew Carson served under him. Wm. Lee Davidson was adjutant.

LAIRD, JAMES, DAVID AND JOHN were in Campbell's Regt. James and John were killed.

LEWIS of Surry at KM had 3 bros. wounded there. 22 of his family were in his troop.

DORTON, MOSES, AND WILLIAM, JR. fought at Kings' Mountain under Campbell. Moses' horse was killed at Whitsell's mill.

JOHN CROCKETT, father of Davy, was at Kings' Mt. and moved to near Jonesboro. Davy's autobiography tells the story of how his elder brother left him alone on shore and went with other boys in a canoe on the Nolichucky where they were nearly drowned in the falls. Davy said "I believed it was a punishment for leaving me on shore." John left Lincoln Co., N.C. for Tenn.

CARMACK, Cornelius and John, p. 156, were in the Fincastle troop under Christian at Kings' Mountain. Both had pensions.

CHILDERS, John and Michael were at KM from Wilkes Co.,N.C. under Cleveland.

SHELBYS were at Kings' Mountain, Evan was the son. Of Washington Co. 1771,Tenn.

HUNNICUT, JOHN, was first settler on the Holston.

PARKE, GEORGE, 1759-1837, b. Amherst Co., Va. as a boy went to the Yadkin, and was at Kings' Mt. Many Kings' Mt. men went to Sumner Co., Tenn.

ARMSTRONG of Kings' Mountain was on the Holston 1788 with other veterans of that battle. SEVIER was at one time there also. JOHN BAKER was one of the Long Hunters there. P. 153 says JOHN BROWN of Ireland b. 1738 was in 1770 on the Yadkin in Wilkes Co. and was three times in Congress.

CROCKETT, JOSEPH, was a capt. of militia at Kings' Mt. of Fincastle.

The independent State of Franklin was formed in Tennessee by Kings' Mountain veterans. They used coonskin money. See William's HISTORY OF THE LOST STATE OF F. Geo. Carmack signed the 1787 petition, also John Carson.

On p. 72, White refers to the "Cromwell stock" of Albemarle Co.,Va. By this he means they had the same ideas as the Puritans of Cromwell's time, and some Cromwells were in Russell County, Va. Jefferson and Patrick Henry were influenced by the famous Presbyterian preacher Samuel Davies, and the Baptists, Presbyterians, and other dissenters were the backbone of the Revolutionary stock. The Puritan tradition was also strong in the Episcopal Church (Church of England) in Virginia and elsewhere. The majority of the people who settled the south were the same stock and with the same ideas as those who founded New England--they were the dissenters in the Cromwell tradition. The Tories tended to be of the other tradition. By the time of the Revolution Puritan and Cavalier descendants had mixed, of course.

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GENERAL NOTES:

White on p. 64 says the Cherokees in June, 1776, attacked Watauga and on the Holston. This was when Thomas Moody enlisted and fought there. They broke up the Cherokees but the families had to go back to the settlements. P. 90 tells of the Cherokees at the Holston 1776.

For reference see Rumple's History of Rowan Co., N.C. Surry had many Indian alarms. Dykes and Bradley were among the worst Tories then, but I am not sure where they lived. In 1780 the Whigs defeated the Tories at Shallow Ford on the Yadkin. Cornwallis passed there 1781. See WPA Guide to North Carolina. It says p. 488 "Bethania was established by dissenters from Bethabara who objected to the government." The Shultz family were among the Moravians. One of the colonels of the Revolutionary troops was Henry Hampton, sent out before the Revolution.

Elisha Reynolds died Wilkes Co., N.C. 1836, and served 1776-81. He m. Judith Edwards who got the pension. This must be the Reynolds tobacco family.

Many Kings Mountain men went to Maury County, Tenn. where Shultz and Ladd went. Alex McLain from Ireland was pensioned in Lincoln 1833, and his son William was also in the Revolution. I think he was in Maury Co., Tenn.

Perhaps John Damron travelled with theChoats (Shoats), Pruitts, Gillespies and other Revolutionary soldiers to Illinois. His second wife may have been of a Kuykendall-Thompson family. The John Damron of Mississippi I am sure was of the Halifax, N.C. Damron branch.

EXCERPTS FROM "THE BIG SANDY VALLEY," BY WILLIAM ELY

This book, published in Catlettsburg, 1887, is very rare, so I shall copy a few excerpts from it. P. 6: "As early as 1789 the emigrants began to come to Sandy ...On the point of land where the Sandy and Tug form a junction was the first settlement attempted, in 1789. Soon after, near the mouth of Pigeon, was the next; next at Pond Creek, on the Tug. All the inhabitants from these places were driven away by the Indians. Not until 1790 was it safe to stir up the redskins. BLOCK HOUSES WERE BUILT BY THE DAMRONS, and others, near Pikeville, by others near Prater Creek. The Aucstiers or Auxiers, as now written, had built two, near the mouth of John's Creek. Over at Licking Station, now Salyersville, was a large fortification. At other places on the waters of the Sandy, similar forts had been erected...The Indians ceased troubling our forefathers and mothers in 1790...Yet game was much more abundant in the Big Sandy than in the Scioto...By 1806 many of the old families, whose descendants are now our foremost people, had taken up their abode in the valley.

"The majority of the early settlers belonged to the best families of the older states. They, it is true, brought their household goods on the backs of horses, for no roads had been opened up...for many years after the settlement of the country more slaves in proportion to the population were found on Sandy than in the Blue Grass region. They soon had pay-schools established in every neighborhood to teach the young. Churches they did not have...they used the shady dells to worship God in...every householder saw to it that one room in his great log mansion was dedicated to the worship of God...one family would often support a big meeting of a week's duration, sleeping and feeding all who came to worship. This primitive custom has not died out yet. Especially does it still prevailamong the primitive Baptists in the Tug Valley...The early pioneers ground their corn on hand-mills...They used bear's oil in place of lard to shorten their johnnycakes. It was many years before they had much hog meat or beef; but bear, deer, turkeys and other game and fowls were abundant. Honey was almost as plentiful as sorghum, and every spring they made of maple-sugar and treacle enough to run them through the season. The skins ofthe bear, the deer, buffalo....afforded a revenue...and when the reader takes into account the vast sum added by the countless wolf scalps at five dollars apiece, and the ginseng crop, he feels that his ancestors were engaged in a more lucrative business than saw-logging...the thrifty housewife worked up the flax and cotton raised by the men...Many of the men could sport breeches made of dressed deer-skins, and shoes made of the same material were found on the feet of both sexes. When the wolves became less troublesome, sheep were raised...Every house had a spinning wheel, a reel, and a loom...House-raisings, log-rollings, corn-huskings, were engaged in by the men; wool-pickings, quiltings, and flax-pullings by the women ...Many of those gatherings wound up at night with a play, and sometimes with a big dance.

"The morals of the people were good. The men were brave, and the women virtuous. ...the modern pistol, was almost unknown then...men...generally very coolly fought it out with their fists, and ended the matter of shaking hands all round. No feuds then...intoxication did not prevail as alarmingly as it has since the apple has become so large a factor in potent drinks on Sandy...a great reformation has been going on for twenty years, and the sale of liquor is, in the Kentucky counties, outlawed by the people. Christian progress and esthetic taste bid fair to raise the people of the valley to a higher plane than is attained in any other part of the State. The somewhatisolated location has kept the valley exempt from the grosser vices of the age."

Page 11. "The Leslies must have been the earliest permanent settlers in the Sandy Valley, yet immediately after their coming, the DAMRONS, the Auxiers, the Browns, of Johnson; the Marcums, on Mill Creek; the Hammonds, the Weddingtons, the Pinsons, Justices, Walkers, Morgans, Grahams, Williamsons, Marrs, Mayors, Lackeys, Hagers, Laynes, Borders, Prestons, and others, followed closely on their trail.

In 1789 the Leslies were driven off Pond Creek, on the Tug River, but returned in 1791 to John's Creek. We know that Moses Damron, Jr. and his wife, Sarah Damron, were in Fleming County (later Floyd) by Dec. 31, 1798, whenthey deeded land in Russell Co., Va. to John Tallett.

Ely has an affidavit of John Hanks (I wonder if were related to Lincoln's mother), 1838: "I was employed by Charles Vancouver in the month of February, 1789, along with several other men, to go to the forks of Big Sandy River, for the purpose of settling, clearing, and improving the Vancouver tract, situated on the point formed by the junction of the Tug and Levisa Forks, and near where the town of Louisa now stands... We all, about ten in number, except three or four of Vancouver's men, remained there during that year, and left the next march, except three or four men to hold possession. But they were driven off in April, 1790, by the Indians...We had to go to the mouth of the Kanawha River, a distance of 87 miles for corn, and no one was settled near us; probably the nearest was a fort about thirty or forty miles away, and this was built may be early in 1790. The fort we built consisted of three cabins and some pens made of logs, like corn-cribs, and reaching from one cabin to the other."

Ely continued: "What did they wear eighty years ago in the valley? The men wore buckskin breeches and hunting-shirts of the same material, home-made linen or cotton shirts...moccasins made of buffalo hide...hats were either made by a local hatter out of theabundance of fur at hand, or made at home out of fur skins... The ladies...spun and wove the cotton and flax into cloth...they made homesome dresses...they would color with barks, and make the most handsome stripes...

"What did the people eat?...Bear-meat boiled, or roasted ...Venison broiled on the coals, or boiled and eaten cold. Pheasants hung up before the fire... Johnnycake made of corn-meal beaten in mortars or ground on hand-mills...with some stewed pumpkin put in thedough. Wild honey in the comb...maple molasses...huckleberries, services, and other wild fruit as relishes...Hog-meat and beef soon followed along, with a little flour, and after 1820 coffee was used quite often. The old pioneer did not lack for plenty to eat and that of the best."

Ely says that when two young ladies bought "store dresses and store shoes" for the first time in Pike County and started on foot to meeting, carrying their new shoes, the cattle saw them and stampeded "frantic with fright...The cattle had never seen any calico before."

Ely says about 1790 Charles and Emla Willard "came down on Tug from Clinch River to hunt bear and deer for their pelts." Charles was drowned on John's Creek and the place was called "Millard's Creek," now changed by misspelling to Miller's Creek.

The Big Sandy, with its Levisa and Tug Forks, flows to the Ohio River. The Shelby "is capable of floating large rafts." This system of waterways drains "Wise, Dickinson, Tazewell, and Russell, in Virginia; and McDowell, Wyoming, Logan and Wayne, in West Virginia...The soil is a rich sandy,loam, as productive as are the Ohio bottom-lands....The bottom and cove lands produce heavy crops of grain, tobacco, and meadow-grasses, while thehillside lands serve well in grass, grain, and fruit...In early day this valley was the great center of the ginseng industry... Other medical roots abound...Poplar, oak, cherry, walnut, sugar, beach, hickory, linden, sycamore, and other timber, abound."

"The Auxiers, Meads, Staffords, Borders, Williamsons, Strattons, Leslies, Ratliffs, Lackeys, Osburns, Prestons, Cecils, Porters, Hatchers, Laynes, Weddingtons, Friends, Hatfields, Marcums, Runyons, Justices, Prestons, Porters, Brewers, Fulkrsons, McDowells, Clarks, Goffs, Garrards, Browns, Dixons, Maguires, Grahams, Morgans, Robinsons, Belchers, Bevins, Walkers, Mayos, Hagers, Millards, Stumps, and others, were, some of them much earlier than David White, at the Mouth in 1798.

"In 1830 the vast forests...had no real value attached to them...In 1830 the existence of stone-coal was almost unknown...Salt springs abound in every county, and salt has been made from the water ...from the earliest settlement. Petroleum has been known to exist...for fifty years. Since 1865 many wellshave been bored... Potter's clay of the finest quality is found...In 1847 an English company bought several thousand acres of land on the bank of the Sandy, two miles above the mouth, for...potteries....Some of the clay...was sent to England...

"Of the early preachers...Rv. Marcus Lindsay...was a Methodist divine...about the time of the War of 1812. After Mr. Lindsay, Rev. William B. Landrum was the most noted...1834." Ely says the"Spurlock brothers, Burwell and Stephen...were loved by all." They were Methodists, and lived on Twelve Pole. The early teachers were Joseph West who taught "from Prestonburg down to the mouth of Tug," Lewis Mayo, James McSorley, M. T. Burriss, Prof. Wm. N. Randolph, Wm. Murphy, Charles Grim.

George Washington made a wonderful survey up the Tug River in 1766 and wrote of it in his Field Notes.

Laban T. Moore was the Whig in Congress, who supported the Union in 1861, and with "William Vinson, L.J. Hampton, and others, was instrumental in getting into service the 14th Kentucky Regiment. He was its first colonel." He was a Mason. P. 42 says: "The 14th was in many a fiery skirmish...Especially was it exposed to the enemy's lines in its march on Atlanta from Nashville, under Sherman (commanded by Col. G. W. Gallup of Louisa.

On p. 46, Col. John Dils says: "It would be marvellous to the present generation should I relate some of the old hunters' yarns...I am now thinking of someof the old Nimrods, such men as the Pinsons, Maynards, Colleys, Belchers, Owens, and a host of others, not forgetting Uncle Barney Johnson," who plowed up a golden wedge from an Indian burying ground and gave it to a blacksmith to braze bells with, not knowing what it was made of. Col. Dils was arrested by Col. John S. Williams, Confederate commander, whose forces were camped at Pikeville 1861, and sent to Libby Prison. On his release he went to see Abraham Lincoln and says his "inestimable worth could be seen both in the Executive and the great, swelling, loving heart for the people." In 1862 at Catlettsburg "there being so many refugees from the Upper Sandy counties (Pike, Floyd, etc.) that wanted to go into the service of the United States army soliciting me, I...recruited the first day about two hundred men, and soonafter raised...the 39th Kentucky Regiment, Mounted Infantry."

Ely says the "Rice family is one of the most noted of all the old families... and lived in Wales. ..During Judge Rice's prime, the State of Kentucky was overwhelmingly Whig. Almost any Whig could have beaten the Democratic party." This was in 1860 and Rice was a Democrat, but against secession. "The Rices of Johnson ...are Republicans in politics."

On p. 72 he has a notice of "The Preston Family," Moses being the ancestor of Bedford Co., Va. a Revolutionary Soldier who m. Miss Arthur. In 1800 he moved to the Big Sandy to the Morgan farm in Floyd, tence to the forks of Beaver,where he died age 76 "all his life a sterling Jeffersonian Democrat. He was the father of six sons and five daughters. Isaac, the oldest son, married Polly Sloan, of Pike County...Stephen, married a Miss Miller (Pricie)...Moses...was destined to become a historic figure in Big Sandy annals...John...married Kizzie Fitzpatrick...Henry... married Betty Kanes...Arthur, the sixth son, married Nancy Miller."

Page 81 has "The Marr Family of the Sandy Valley, is one of French origin, descendants of the Huguenots. The family settled in Maryland before the American Revolution...The grandfather of Thomas Marr, of Catlettsburg, came to the Sandy before the commencement of the present century, and settled in the John's Creek country... One of his sons married...a daughter of Thomas May of Shelby."

P. 82 has "The May Family...were here as early as 1796. Thomas May was the first, or, at least, amongst the first, of the family comingfrom Virginia...He was a very jovial man, fond of fiddling and dancing, and popular with his neighbors. He owned more slaves than any man on Sandy, either in his day or since, footing up in number seventy-one....Colonel A. J. May developed into greater renown as an officer in the Confederate army than any other native of Sandy."

P. 97 lists "THE RATLIFF FAMILY are among the oldest settlers on Sandy. James Ratliff was the founder...coming to Pike...always sided with the cause of virtue and morality. His son, General Ratliff, was also a man of great mental vigor...For twenty years he was sheriff."

P. 101 liststhe Marcums: "Josiah Marcum...settled in the Lower Sandy Valley almost as early as any other settler on the Sandy. His seat was near where Cassville, Virginia, now stands. He was a typical hunter, and encountered the roving Indians. Like most hunters, Josiah was an expert gunsmith, which art has descended to many of his offspring...." His great-grandson, Capt. T.D. Marcum "enlisted as a private in the 14th Kentucky Volunteers. He was made lieutenant, and at the battle of Middle Creek, in 1862, acted with great gallantry...He went with the regiment on its marches through Georgia."

The Auxiers are listed on p. 103. "The great-great grandfather of Major Auxier, brothers and sister, came to Pennsylvania from the Rhine, in Germany, in 1755. His wife was a Hollander. They lived in Pennsylvania until after the Revolutionary War. They had five sons. Simon, the oldest, served seven years, or during the Revolutionary War. He was under Washington at the battle of Trenton; was with the troops sent from Virginia to aid General Greene in the South; was at the battle of Guilford Court house and was at Yorktown when Cornwallis surrendered. Samuel, the grandfather of Major John B., volunteered when fifteen years old, and served the last three years of the war...After that war the major's great-grandfather...Michael, settled in Ru ssell County, Virginia. His son Samuel...came with his wife, Sally Brown, to the Block House Bottom in 1791. The Hammons and some other families came with them and built two blockhouses one-halfa mile below the mouth of John's Creek. On the 7th ofAugust, in the same year, Samuel Auxier, father of the major, was born... In 1801 or 1802 Samuel Auxier, the father of the major, had a little son named Elijah. He was some three years old. He followed his brother Daniel into the woods, where he was chopping timber." He started home alone through a cane brake and was never heard of again. "Couriers were sent out in great haste to DAMRON'S FORT, near Pike, and the little settlement near Prater, and over to the Station on Licking, notifying the men that little 'Lige Auxier was lost in Block- house Bottom....they took up their rifles and a wallet of wild meat and started on therun...never giving up the search till a week had passed. Some wild beast had dragged the little boy to its lonely den and devoured him. Daniel Boone was certainly on Sandy. In 1795 or '96 he came to the Block-house, and joined Nat. Auxier, the uncle of the major, in a bear, deer, and wolf hunt on Greesy Creek, in which is now Johnson County. They built a camp on that stream, still known as Boone's Camp. A post-office, bearing the name, is located at the camp...Nat's Creek, below, was named after Nat. Auxier...Of the sixteen children of Samuel Auxier, thirteen still survive."

Page 124 has "THE LACKEY FAMILY...Alexander...came from Southern Virginia in 1804, and settled at the Forks of Beaver in Floyd County. He married the daughter of David Morgan, a relative of General Daniel Morgan, of Battle of the Cowpens fame. Mr. Lackey brought slaves and considerable property...He was a representative in the Legislature, judge and sheriff and rose to be a general in the militia. " Morgan Lackey of Prestonburg lead the move which resulted in having "every grog-shop driven from his town, where the poisonous fluid had for sixty-five years held one continuous carnival of death...today in 1887 not a drop of liquor is sold according to law in the county."

"THE WILLIAMSONS...are of Welsh descent...and fought for independence." They left Pennsylvania and the Big Sandy ancestor settled in Russell Co., Va. where Benjamin Williamson came from in 1795 and settled on Tug. John came also. They were woodsmen and hunters.

Page 150: "SAMUEL T. WALKER was among the early arrivals in the John's Creek Valley...a great hunter...a noted gunsmith and blacksmith. He was one of the early Methodists in the valley.

Page 151: "HENRY AND HIS BROTHER, JACOB WEDDINGTON...came from Virginia when mere boys, in 1790. The Weddingtons were original North Carolina people...In 1800 Henry married Elizabeth Garrell...two children were born--James and William. The latter was Judge Weddington...Henry died in 1836, and was buried on Shelby, where the Weddingtons first settled."

Page 155 has: "THE WARDS...came to the valley soon after the first settlement on the Sandy. James Ward was the pioneer...He settled on Rockcastle Creek. ...The old stock were noted hunters, having been trained in Indian warfare... The ward family are noted for naming their children after theirancestors...in order to designate them, they were nicknamed. Hence we had Big Foot, Nine Toes, White Head, Bit Nose, Jimper, Little Jim, Jim's Jim, Hawkum etc. To call a man Jim Ward, no one would know which Jim was meant."

I believe this family went from Albemarle Co., Va. to Russell Co., Va. as John Ward had a survey in Albemarle for 300 acres in 1745. The will of Lazarus Dameron of Albemarle, 1749, says: "I give and bequeath to my son Moses Damron my boy JOHN WARD during the remaining part of his apprenticeship...I give and bequeath to my son John Dameron ...my boy English McCoy until the expiration of his apprenticeship." Lazarus Dameron was a shoemaker. McCoys were also in Russell. So were Hatfields.

"THOMAS CLINEFELTER was an early settler (p. 181). He came from Hanging Rock. He wasa builder. He died in about 1857...The elder daughter is the wife of Captain Wallace J. Williamson, the rich trader and banker. The younger is the wife of JAMES W. DAMRON, a prominent Front Street merchant. It is an open secret that Mrs. Clinefelter has a handsome balance in her favor at the bank,all of which she made by her own industry in making fine coats and vests."

Page 202: EPHRAIM HATFIELD, the founder of the house in the Sandy Valley, came from Russell County, Va. in 1795, and...settled on the waters of the Tug River, in what is now Pike County...the Hatfields outnumber most other families in the Sandy Valley. A few years ago, at a large gathering of the people of the Tug region to listen to a political discussion, it was found out that over three hundred voters in the crowd were either Hatfields or had Hatfield blood... The Hatfields are noted for physical development and strength...They are a high-spirited family, but are kind, neighborly, and just to all who treat them justly. An enemy, however, might as well kick over a bee-gum in warm weather, and expect to escape the sting of the insect, as to tramp on the toes of one of these spirited, tall sons of the mountains, and not expect to be knocked down." Since the above the Hatfield-McCoy feud has made these families famous all over America. "The Hatfields were originally nearly all Democrats in politics, but since the war they have become strong Republicans, with but few exceptions...They are a strong Baptist people in religious matters."

Page 205: THE HATCHERS...James H. Hatcher married a Miss Peery in Tazewell County, Va. and settled at the mouth of Mud Creek in about 1830."

Page 303: "Pikeville was laid out as the county seat in 1821. THOMASOWENS a New Yorker, but of English descent, the grandfather of Jefferson Owens, of Catlettsburg, owned the land at the time. Mr. Owens was often called "Dad" Owens as a nickname. He was a good man, upright, honest, religious, and liked by all. For a time he was a partner of Frederick Moore in selling goods at Pikeville. Mr. Moore had a large store at the 'Forks.' One day "Dad" Owens went into the store and was told by his partner that he would let him take up to the Pike store all the coffee he might want; 'for,' said Mr. Moore, ' I have just received the largest invoice ever brought to Sandy, being a full barrel of the enchanting berry." In that early day coffee was only used on rare occasions...Children never drank it."

ADDRESSES OF THE DAMRON FAMILY

Harry C. Damron, Vansant, Va.
J. A. Damron, Grundy, Va.
Joe A. Damron, Grundy, Va. (from Pike Co.)
Gordon D. Damron, 228 Toledo, Bluefield, W.Va.
James W. Damron Country Club Highway "
James D. Damron, Keystone, W.Va. (near Richlands)
E. L. Dameron, 415 Princeton Ave., Princeton, W.Va.
R. H. Damerl, High, Princeton, W.Va.
Robt. A., Lilly Grove Addn., Princeton, W.Va.
Gene Damron, Wyoming, Welch, W. Va.

RICHLANDS, VIRGINIA:
Gib D. Damron
J. J. Damron
Oley J. Damron Store, Jewell Ridge Rd.
T. C. Damron (from Pike Co.)
Dr. W. D. Damron, Cedar Bluff (fm. Louisville?)
William D. Damron.

Beldon Damron, Chloe Creek, Ky. near Pikeville.
L. M. Damron, Route 460 Grimsyville, near Raven, Va.
(Has son Wm. at Richlands.)
____ Damron, Supt. of coal mine, Red Jackett, Va.
Richard Damron, Elwood, Jonancy, Ky.

Emmett Damron, Route 1, Nicklesville, Va.
Opal Smith, Route 1, Castlewood, Va. (sister)
Joel B. Damron, Elkhorn or Draffin, Ky.
Will Damron, near Elkhorn, W. Va., also Lawrence
George Washington Damron, Robinson Creek, Ky.
(Near Pikeville.)
Luther Damron, Millard, Ky.
Oscar Damron, Robinson Creek.
Joe Damron, Esco, Route 2, Pikeville, Ky.
Charles Damron, Huntington, W.Va. (radio singer.)
Robert Damron, Shelby Creek, Suckey's Branch,
near Pikeville, Ky.
James Damron, Yeager Road, near Pikeville, Ky.
Willard Damron, Boldman, Ky.
Logan Damron, Boldman, Ky.
Harrison Damron, Box 835, Pikeville, Ky.
J. Luther Damron, Virgie, Ky.
Blake Damron, Robinson Creek, Virgie, Ky.
Ballard Damron, Robison Creek, Virgie, Ky.

Conley Damron, Damron & Tiller Store,
Lebanon, Va.
J. C. Damron, Clintwood, Va.
John Damron, Keene Mountain, Buchanan Co., Va.
Mrs. Ressie Stone, Clintwood, Va.
Mable Damron, Castlewood, Va.

Mrs. Reese Damron, Yeager Road, Ky. near
Pikeville.
Rev. John A. Damron, Yeager Road, Pikeville.
Route 3, Box 521, Pikeville.
Jackson Elswick, Caney Creek, near Pikeville
(Has Damron history.)
Claire Damron, % Robert Damron, Shelby Creek.

Hascal Damron, Box 573, Route 3,
Pikeville, Ky. (at Yeager)
Mrs. Leon Bentley, Yeager, Ky.
(Hascal's daughter.)

Irene Rivers Schow,
135 Ellison St., Layton, Ut.
(Const. Ladd Damron desc.)

SEASIDE, OREGON (Desc. of
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F. C. Fulton, 235 Beach Drive
Geo. N. Hill, 111 Park
V. E. Hill, 241 Beach Drive
John Adair, Highway 101
Mrs. W. H. Hobson, 921 So. Prom.
Seaside Signal, 752 Broadway St.,
(this is the local paper)
C.W. Hill, 241 Beach Drive
A. Abraham, 1260 Maple St.,
Roseburg, Ore.
Mrs. Isadore Abraham ,
S. Kane St., Roseburg, Ore.
(An wens daughter m. an
Abraham, merchant of Roseburg)

R. L. Damron, 287 Newhouse Dr.,
Charleston, W.Va.
(Damron Reunion director.)

L. P. Dameron,
81-A Cumberland, Charleston,
So. Carolina.

Ada N. Dameron,
935 Kellog Ave., N.W.
Roanoke, Va.

M.F. Cleaton, 368 Church ave.,
Roanoke, Va. (Damron desc.)

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Fulton Reynold & Fulton, Attys.
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Roy J. Hill, 161 Niagra Ave.
John Hill, 453 Atlanta St.
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449 Duane St. and Columbia
Press, 575 Bond St.

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Everett H. Owens, 218 So.
State, Sutherline, Ore.
Roy Hill, 1231 W. 1st St.

LIST OF ADDRESSES OF THE DAMERON FAMILY

TENNESSEE:

Columbia, Tenn. County seat of Maury Co.
Ladd, Ray L., 19 Morgan Hgts.
Moody, nothing.
Damron, Oscar, 3rd Ave.
" Clinton T., 2108 Lawrence
Williamsport, Tenn., Maury Co.
Ladd, Emery, Santa Fe. Rd.
" G.C. no residence given
Mt. Pleasant, Tenn., Maury Co.
Ladd, Will, Scotts Ml. Rd.
Spring Hill, Tenn, MauryCo.
Ladd, T. N., Carter's Creek.
Santa Fe., Tenn., Maury Co.
Ladd, A. L., Water Valley Rd.
" T. N., " "
" Thos. R. Fields Hollow Rd.
No Moodys and Damerons.
Knoxville, Tenn.
Damron, C.A., Dagwod Rd.
" Alfred G., Maj. Alcoa Hwy.
Kingsport, Tenn.
Damron, Mrs. Anzie P., opr. Kingsport Press., 1034, Elizabeth St.

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Harrison Damron, R. 1, Box 835, Pikeville, Ky.

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" " Texaco Station,6216 E. Lancaster
" Jack, 111 Comanche Trial
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Mary E. Crawford (Texas Damrons), 9781 S.E. Stanley St., Portland 22, Ore.

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Mrs. Primrose T. Morgan, 319 Jackson Ave. Yazoo City, Miss. (Tignor family)

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Damron & Chancy Fur. Co., Robinson Creek, Ky.
" Charles, 422 1/2 2nd St.
" Clint R., Hibbard
" Edward, 605 Scott Av.
" Fanna, Happy Hollow
" George D., Perry
" H.S., 508 E. 3rd.
" Hazel, Poplar
" Henry O. Atty, Grace Av.
" Jas. A., Mayo Tri. S.
" Kenneth B., 1002 Central
" Proctor K., attorney, Grace Ave.
" Pluma, Miss, 4th
" Rediford, Poplar
" Joe, Yeager, Pike Co.
" Hibbard, Route 2, bro. Yeager, Ky.
" Bob, Yeager, 75 yrs. (son of D. Dameron)
" John, Yeager, age 75
Mrs. Peanut Keathley, Pikeville, Ky. (was a Damron).

Henry Dameron, Northwood Drive, Elkin, N.C.
Chester Damron, 1747 Waughtown, Winston-Salem, N.C.
R.E. Dameron (Augusta), Fishersville, Va.
E. P. Dameron, Theatre Building, 356 Morgan St., Marion, N.C.
C.E. Dameron, Jr. 125 Hibriten Drive, Asheville, N.C.
Mrs. Peggy Dameron, 1217 Patterson Ave Roanoke, Va.
Mrs. E. L. Dameron, 1901 Belleville Rd., Roanoke, Va.

Earl Kuykendall, Salisbury Road, Statesville, N.C.

Raby Ladd, Maple Hill, Elkin, N.C.
Jonah Ladd, Union, Route 1, N.C. (father
Frank Ladd, Yadkinville, R.F.D.
Ladd family, Forbush, N.C. "

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Elihu Damron, Wise, Va.
Mrs. John R. Brock, 1618 34th Ave. Seattle 22, Wash. (Brock line)

THE DAMERONS IN THE REVOLUTION.

I went to the National Archives in Washington, D.C. and made notes on all the Damron-Damerons they had in the Pension Bureau from a reaently typed typed index they had of all early and late pension lists. I also checked all those in the files of the Virginia State Library. I then asked Anne Waller Reddy to work on this, of 1005 East Marshall Street, Richmond, Virginia. She sent me a report on John Damron, and also the following:

"From my Revolutionary Files on Dameron:

"Brunswick County, Va. Bartholomew, Christopher and Samuel Dameron, all living there 1780-81 and heads of a house, else they would not have been called on for supplies to keep the army in the field.

"Lancaster County, Va. shows Aaron Dameron, young man likely not married, took oath of allegiance and later was a soldier invalided home from 3d Company of Militia. Moses Dameron was a soldier also in 1777. Joshua Dameron was also a soldier and his family is helped while he was in the army. Thomas Dameron served in the Virginia Navy, his son Dennis shows as his heir about 1834, failed to mark the date but know it was a late date.

"Nottingham in History of Lancaster Revolutionary Soldiers says Aaron Dameron married with Elizabeth Perkins (no date given.)

"Northumberland Co., Va.

"Abraham Dameron, served as soldier, from Eckenrode.
Bartholomew Dameron, gave supplies to the army. "
George Dameron also gave supplies to the army. " Both heads of house, 1780.
Joshua Dameron was soldier enlisted 1777 in the Navy.
Oney Damron, head of a house 1780-81 after war went to Norfolk, married Martha, widow of Christopher Tompkins, her will 1842, mentions son-in-law Oney S.Damron.

Thomas Dameron, Ensign, from Northumberland, 1781.

"Amelia County: Joseph Dameron shows as head of a house 1780-1.

"Marriages of Pittsylvania:

John Dameron to Elizabeth Boyd 31 Dec. 1795.
George Dameron to S. Boyd, 5 Jan. 1785.

"Annals of South West Virginia. John Dameron is listed on pages 1143 and 1345 but looking at those pages and what I thought they could possibly mean, I found no listing at all."

The Media Research Bureau reported: "Among those of the name who served in the Revolutionary war were Colonel Thomas Dameron, Captain John Dameron, Abraham Dameron, Jacob Dameron, Joseph Dameron, Joshua Dameron, and Thomas Dameron, all of Virginia; and George and Joseph Dameron of North Caroliha." However, George and Joseph of N.C. are from Virginia and moved to N.C. after the Revolution.

Gwathmey's Historical Register of Virginians in the Revolution, 1938, has:

DAMERON

Jesse, 5th Continental Line
Abraham, Northumberland Co. petitioner
George (Damron) Fifer 6th Continental Line
Jacob, Northumberland petitioner
Jesse, Sgt. Inf. nbll
John (Damron) 2 Va. State Reg.
Joseph, Navy E.
John (Dammeron) 2 Va. State Reg.
Joshua, seaman Navy
Thomas, Northumberland Co. in Capt. George Ingram's Co., recommended to be Ensign Apr. 9, 1781
Thomas, seaman, Navy
Jesse (Dammaron) 5 CL

DAMRON (spelled without the "e")

George, fifer 6 CL
George, Morgan's Riflemen
James (Damron) 4 CL
Jesse, 5 CL
John 2 Va. State Regiment
John 9 CL

In the above list all the items spelled differently refer to the same person. You can find the name spelled differently in the same document.

Brumbaugh's Revolutionary War Records, V. 1, p. 235, has:

Dameron, Jesse, Sergeant Inf., Bounty Land Warrants List. Jesse Dameron is on the List of Virginia State Line not yet receiving Bounty Land for Revolutionary Services, 1835, Richmond, p. 197. (Note by H.F.S. After the revolution the soldiers were given land for their services and many of them migrated to the west and south; the frontier was made up of families of Revolutionary war veterans which accounts for their proud and independent nature., Land was granted for Revolutionary war services beginning Feb. 14, 1782.)

Joshua Damron, on the ship Tempest Dec. 7, 1779, Va. State Navy, p. 32.
Joshua Damron, seaman, # 133, Va. State Navy, Bounty Land Warrants, p. 60.
George Dameron, soldier inf. Bounty Land Warrants, Virginia, p. 235.
Jacob Dameron, 5296, Ohio. Private, 3 years service, #5296, Continental Line Warrants, p. 423
Jesse Dameron, Infantry soldier, p. 234
Joshua Dameron #15 p. 27, in Protector Galley, Va. State Navy around 1776
Thomas Dameron #19, same list on the "Protector"
Thomas Dameron (Dawson?) on the Tempest, Dec. 7, 1779, Va. State Navy
Thomas Dameron, Seaman, #142, Va. State Navy, Bounty Land Warrants, Rev. Service, p. 68
Thomas Dameron, State Navy, p. 338, 8187, Dennis Dameron, warrantee for above who performed the service.

In the Virginia Colonial Abstracts 0-1-2, Lancaster and Northumberland Counties,no Dameron or Moody was in the index, but I found the following, p. 1098: Thomas Dameron, a seaman during the Revolution, heir Dennis Damron, v. 3, of Virginia Soldiers of 1776, by L.A. Burgess. I also found in V. 1, Capt. John Moody, died Oct. 3, 1826, at Hanover, Rev. soldier.

In the Report of the State Librarian of Virginia, Revolutionary Soldiers of Virginia, Eckenrode, I found:

George Damron, 6th Virginia Regiment,WD 124, 8, 135, 1.
John Dameron (2 V.S.R.) W.D. 50, 1, 4, W.D. 197, 1. (Virginia State Regt.)
Joseph Dameron (N) Aud. Acct. 1779-80, 322.
Jesse, Joshua, Thomas, Abraham (Northumberland petitioner Dec. 15, 1780), Jacob, 178, Northumberland petitioner

In the List of Pensioners I found no Dameron in Franklin County, Ill. In Adair County, Ky. p. 388, I found Emily J. Damron, cert. 31,292, of Columbia, Ky., widow, 1812, monthly rate $8. She got her original allowance in March 1881.

The North Carolina Pension List p. 418 has George Dameron, pensioned in Lincoln County, and p. 480 describes his presence at the battle of King's Mountain. This reference is p. 574 of Miscellaneous Vol. xxii, State Rec. of N.C. Pensioners, 1835.

Other references on the subject are North Carolina Troops in the Continental Establishment, 1896; Col. and State Records of N.C. 1662-1790, V. 16; Historical Sketches of North Carolina from 1584 to 1851, Wheeler, 2 vols.

There is a fascinating story in Amherst County, Virginia, in the Revolution, 1773-82, of Morgan's riflemen. It lists, p. 15, 26, "John Welch--supplied the place of Daniel Dameron." It also has George Damron, private, 1777, in Morgan's Riflemen. He is always accompanied by a William Moore. This is in the Drum & Fife corps in Capt. Cabell's Co., of 6th Regt. June 1777. George Damron is on the pay roll of Capt. Cabell's 6th Va. Battalion July 1777, Nov. 1777, Feb. 1778.

Also William Dameron sells land 1791. William Dameron and wife Susannah sell land 1796, and in 1798 he buys land.

Dunmore Dameron buys land, 100 acres, north sd. of the Ann Laugh Creek.

Ruth Damron Dorius could only find in the Adjutant General's office references to John, Jesse and George Damron: "5 VR Jesse Dameron, Capt. Thomas Gaskins Co., Lt. Col. Josiah Parke, commander, (wounded); 6 V.R. George Damron, Capt. Thomas Patterson Co. Comd. Lt. Col. Hendricks; also George and Daniel (drums and fifes) of Capt. Cabell's Co., 6 V.R. (Amherst Co. Va.)

In Burgess' Virginia Soldiers of 1776, I found Thomas Dameron No. 1098, and the reference says the heirs of Thomas Dameron were allowed bounty land for his service as a seaman from Lancaster County, Va. May 20, 1834. Dennis Dameron was the "orphan" heir apparently. It notes that the Court records have no will for Thomas Dameron 1770. Same reference shows Col. Richardson No. 9, p 1261, and Col. Nixon and Gen. Nixon, p. 12.

I also checked Jillson's Old Kentucky Entries and Deeds, including Military Warrants and found no Damerons. I also checked the List of Pensioners for the Revolution 1841 in Franklin County, Ill., Johnson County, Ill. and Weakley County, Tenn. and found no Dameron.

THE DAMERONS IN THE WAR OF 1812

In the Virginia State Library I checked all through the Archives material on the Revolution and the War of 1812 and found no John Damron. In the War of 1812 Muster Roll & Payroll of Militia, Archives Virginia Library, p. 126, Muster Roll of Capt. Thos. Beacham's Co. of Va. Militia, 37 Regt. Lt. Col. T.D. Downing, serv. Apr. to July and 7-11 Nov. 1813--I found John C. Dameron, 20 days service, Luke Dameron Jr., twenty days and Wm. Dameron Jr. 20 days.

In the War of 1812, Muster Roll of Capt. Vincent Shackleford's 4th Regiment of Virginia Militia, Lt. Col. Brahham, Apr.-July, 1813, and 5-9, October, 1-8 Dec. 1814--I found Charles Dameron, p. 706. Again p. 764, Capt. F.G. Tebb's 41st Regt. Va. Militia, Lt. Col. Brahham, had Charles Dameron. Also p. 251, of Capt. E. J. Northern's Co. 41st Regt. Va. Militia, Northampton County, Lt. Col. V. Branham, 21-July-Oct. 5, 1814, had Charles Dameron, 3d Sergeant, 1 month 12 days service.

On the Pay Roll of Northumberland County, Wm. Hudnall's 37th , in 1813, I found George Dameron.

On the Pay Roll of Northumberland, p. 391, Capt. Henderson, I found William Damron, Sr., Luke Dameron and John C. Dameron."

1. GEORGE DAMRON OF VIRGINIA AND LINCOLN COUNTY, N.C.

In the Pension Bureau I found the file of George Damron, above mentioned as of Amherst County: "George Dameron, Virginia Troops, Priv. Cert. 19275, Fayetteville, N.C., Res. Lincoln Ct. N.C. 33 years and previously in Halifax, Va. Pen. beg. March 4, 1832. Died prior to Dec. 1832. $8.00 per month. George Dameron enlisted in Capt. Dooley's Co. of Cavalry and afterward served in Capt. Coopers' Co. of Cavalry, Col. Malby. Came to this county 1798, prev. in Halifax, Va." A card notes he was a private in Capt. Dooly's Co. regt. of Col. White, Va. Line 2 years from 1777.

The Declaration for Pension of George Damron (or Dameron--spelled both ways) reads: that he served from March 1777 to "March 1779 when he was taken prisoner by the enemy and remained in their custody until the conclusion of the war. He enlisted in the Continental Service under Capt. John Dooly, commander of a Company of horse, subject to the command, as he understood, of Col. White in the State of Virginia and County of Pitsylvania in March, 1777. His first station was at Dooley's Fort, second, Had's Fort, third on the frontiers of Georgia, then shifted to the command of Lieut. Camon or Cabell (unreadable). His fourth term was at a place on Ogeechee River where he was surrounded by the Tories and Indians and was returned by General Clark. He was later in Nasum's (?) Fort in Georgia and in Augusta and Savannah. Then under Thos. Davenport, he went to Savanna (?) and to St. Augustine, where he was discharged in 1783, in E. Florida. He listed his property as being only "one small mare 18-19 years old, one cow, two steers, one sow, four pigs, 3 shotes, 1 bit furniture, table, 5 knives, 5 forks." "His family consists of himself who is old, infirm, his wife who is about 67 and afflicted with rheumatic pains and a daughter about 24 years of age."

In Pittsylvania George Dameron m. S. Boyd, 5 Jan. 1785, and John Dameron m. Elizabeth Boyd, 31 Dec. 1795.

Mrs. Pearce checked with the Department of State, Atlanta, Georgia, on John Dooly and received a report from Mary G. Bryan, Director, Department of Archives and History, 1516 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta:

"I have your letter this morning. I have only one Roll commanded by Colonel John Dooly of Wilkes County from June-August, 1778, on which is a list of five officers and 30 men. I have checked it carefully, and no Damron (Dameron) appears. Of course, the Rolls are very incomplete for the Revolutionary period. It is hard to say just where Capt. Dooly was killed. I quote below from page 61, Roster of Revolutionary Soldiers in Georgia, by McCall:

"JOHN DOOLY, b. N.C.; came from S.C. to the Ceded Lands of Ga. (now Wilkes Co.), with a wife, 3 sons, and 3 orphan nephews in 1762. Served as captain of the 2nd Continental Ga. Brigade, later Colonel. Was killed by the Tories, 1780. Several of these Tories crossed the Savannah river and were later captured by the 'War Heroine' of Ga., Nancy Hart. Others were also captured and hanged at Tory Pond in Wilkes Co.

"Dooly Co., Ga. was named for Col. Dooly and fomed in 1821 His brother, Thomas Dooly, Rev. Sol. was killed July 22, 1776, in a skirmish with the Indians, while returning to Ga. with a band of recruits for the Ga. Continental Army. Another brother, George Dooly served under Capt. Hart.'

"No John Dameron is mentioned in Georgia's Roster of the Revolution, by Knight. Only Charles Damron and Mary Dameron appear. I believe you have a copy of the late Mrs. J.E. Hays 'Hero of Hornet's Next,' a biography of Elijah Clark, which is a story of Georgia during the Revolution. There is quite a bit about Dooly in her book."

Halifax County, Va. records show George Dameron and wife, grantors, to Finn Williams, grantee, June 26, 1777, on the Dan River, 17, p. 172. Also George Dameron and wife grantors, to James Ricketts, grantee, 21, p. 9, on 23 Dec. 1805. It also shows John Dameron, grantor, to Kendreck Thomas, grantee, 10, p. 89, Aug. 1776, and Sarah and H. Dameron, grantors, to Williamsand Ricketts June 1797 and Dec. 1805, on Dan River and Burtram's Camp Branch. The 1820 Census of Lincoln County, N.C. showed G. Dameron 2-1-3--1-3-1-2, and J. Dameron 1-2--21-1-3.

2. CHARLES DAMERON OF ALBEMARLE, VA. AND GEORGIA

The Census Bureau file on Charles Dameron says: "Charles Damron was wounded in an action on Brier Creek and was at that time in Col. Elbert's Regiment and has now two ulcers open in his right arm in consequence of a wound he received in the aforesaid action. I think he is entitled to a pension of five dollars per month, Aug. 8, 1786." On 8 Aug. 1786, "Charles Damaron came before me, one of the Justices for the County of Richmond in the State of Georgia; Charles Damaron was wounded in action on Brier Creek and was at that time in Col. Elbert's Regiment."

An affidavit of May 19, 1804, said Charles Damron resided in Georgia, County Jackson, being late of the County of Richmond, previous to which he resided in the State of Virginia.

The file of Polly Damron, widow of Charles, Rev. War Vol. A, p. 167, No. 4173, shows that the Jefferson, Georgia, agent sent her petition to Congress and that her name was Polly Mays, married by John Foster, J.P. of Columbia, formerly Richmond County. A note adds: "office was burnt where the records were kept." She got $80 per annum, commencing Sept. 4, 1847. A note in 1848 refers to the claim of "Mary Damron," Polly being a nickname for Mary.

The Declaration for Pension of Polly Dameron, Jan. 7, 1845, reads:

"STATE OF GEORGIA)
JACKSON COUNTY) Polly Dameron, resident of Jackson County, Ga. age 80, says that her husband Charles Damron was a private in the War of the Revolution and served in Captain Lane's Company of Regulars (or Continentals) in the 2nd Regt. and was a citizen (to the best of her recollection) of the County of Albemarle, State of Virginia, when he entered the service, that he came in the army to Georgia and was in various battles against the British, as she has heard her husband say, but that she cannot recollect her husband's saying so as to speak distinctly of any particular battle except one, that was on Brier Creek, Georgia, at which time he was under Major Fennell in Colonel Elbert's Regiment and was there wounded, having then been in service... more than four years .... she has no other documentary or written evidence in support of her claim . . . she was married to the same Charles Damron on the 20th day of May, 1788, and her husband, the aforesaid Charles Damron, died on the 7th day of October, 1827... married in Richmond County, Ga. since Columbia but has no record of marriage but William Mays of Harris County, Ga. only one who knows." This was signed with an X.

From the Executive Dept. Milledgeville, Ga. 1847: "This may certify that there is in this Department an original certificate made by J. Meriwether, Secy. E. Council, dated Augusta, 28 August, 1789, by which it appears that Charles Damron served as a private in the second regiment of the late army and militia from 3 March 1779 to 3 March, 1786."

An affidavit from Bibb County, Ga. by George W. Moore, age 69, says: "He removed from Virginia in the year 1796 to Columbia County, Ga. and there he became acquainted with Charles Damron and his wife Polly Damron; that this deponent lived neighbors to them for several years, then moved to Jackson County in this state from there to Clark County in this state." He knew that Charles Damron moved from Columbia to Jackson County, Ga. where said Damron died, having had three children.

On March 16, 1855, age about 90, from Jackson County, Polly Damron applies for Bounty Land and this was "not received."

In 1849, John C. McCullough wrote to the Secretary of War re claim asking why it was so long delayed.

See the chapter on LazarusDameron of Albemarle County, Virginia, for a reference on Charles Damron. Mrs. Pearce found in the DAR Hist. Coll., Ga. where Charles Dameron m. Mary Moise (May) May 19, 1789, Richmond Co. Ga. Peter Culbreath, Sec., Wm. & Sarah Gardner, Wits. (Too bad Polly did not have this!)

3. JOSEPH DAMERON OF BRUNSWICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND CASWELL COUNTY, N.C.

Pension File 7129 is of "Joseph Dameron of Caswell County, N.C., Private in Co. com. by Capt. Mumford of the Regt. com. by Col. Downman in the Va. Line for 6 mos. 21 days from '80. On Pension Roll March 5, 1833, N.C. $22.33 per annum." The Declaration of Joseph Dameron is dated 7 Jan. 1833, Caswell County, N.C. It states that Joseph Dameron, age 70 years, on 2d of Feb. next "some time in the fall of the year 1780 and this declarant thinks perhaps in the month of September he entered the service of the United States as a soldier, he being drafted and entered in the company commanded by Capt. Mumford of the Militia of the County of Amelia in the State of Virginia in the regiment or company commanded by Colo. William Downman, and from the said county of Amelia they were marched to a place called Cabin Point where they were stationed until Gen. Greene passed by on way to south and the Amelia militia went on with Greene as far as Petersburg when his term expired. He gave up arms at Petersburg about the last of December, 1780." Then the next month about January, 'There was a general alarm in the country and a report that the enemy had come to Petersburg, and burnt the town, and were committing dreadful ravages in the country and all the people and men in the County were called upon to take up arms in defense of their country..." He volunteered under Capt. Robert Bolling and Lieut. Samuel Watkins and they were marched down to Petersburg, but found it not in danger. Then about February, 1781, he substituted for a man in the company of Capt. Wm. Harrison raised in the County of Brunswick for the aid of North Carolina and marched under Capt. Wm. Harrison and Lieut. John Williams in the company of Colo. Robert Mumford. They went through the southern part of Virginia to North Carolina and joined General Greene at High Rock. He was put under command of Col. Holcomb and Major Skipwith and pursued Cornwallis. They came up with him at Guilford Court House where they 'fought that memorable action, this declarant being in the action and fought during the battle." After the battle the troops rendezvoused at a place"called the old Iron Works where this declarant, together with the rest of his company of Virginia Militia, came off with credit and 'Pursued the enemy as far as to a place called Rumsour's Mills on Deep River, at this place we made a halt and the company to which this declarant belonged was ordered to Hillsborough, where the declarant was discharged." After serving out his time or term of service of three months he returned home to Brunswick County in the State of Virginia.

"At the time this declarant entered the service in the War of the Revolution, he lived in the County of Amelia, being then the manager on his father's plantation in that county, but at the time he substituted himself in the Volunteer Co. as mentioned before (his last tour of duty) he lived with his father in the Co. of Brunswick and State of Virginia." He served about 7 months, as he now recollects. "I was born I have been told by my father in Northumberland County, in the State of Virginia, on the 2d day of February, 1763. I was living in Amelia City in the State of Virginia when I was first called into service and also when I volunteered to go to Petersburg. I was living in Brunswick County and State of Virginia when I was called into service the last time on tour. I have lived since the Revolutionary War about 9 years in the State of Virginia near the place of my residence during the war in the several counties round about, being an overseer. I lived two years in the County of Halifax and State of Virginia and the rest of my time I have lived in the County of Caswell and State of N.C. where I now live. I recollect General Greene who commanded us at Guilford. I recollect Colo. Lee and Washington of the Horse who were with us and some others but was very little with the Regulars though they were with the Army where I was.

"I have lived upwards of thirty years in this county."

He gives names to testify to his good character such as William A. Lee, Paul A. Haralson, Sterling Gunn (?), who was at Cabin Point with Joseph Dameron.

On Jan. 7, 1833, George B. Dameron testifies to the facts "though he was not quite old enough to be in service with him." This is perhaps George Ball Dameron.

I have not copied down the entire Declaration and some of it was very hard to read. This Joseph was the father of George Ball Dameron. The DAR records on Joseph say he was a private in the Navy which must be a mistake, unless there were two of them.

Mrs. Pearce wrote that Joseph Dameron of Caswell married the widow of Robert Burton soon after the Revolutionary War was over. His step-daughter, Mary Burton married Noble Ladd, son of Joseph and Catherine Bacey Damon.

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The following is copied from Hero of Hornet's Nest, A Biography of Elijah Clark by L.F. Hays :

"Thomas, George and John Dooley crossed near the mouth of Broad River and found a place near the Savannah river, just below Fort James (his brothers). John Dooley and Elijah Clark were old friends from Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina before coming to Georgia. John followed Clark.

"John Dooley, first Maj. then Captain, then Colonel, was murdered in his sleep by Torys.

"John Dooley, signinghimself as Colonel of Militia of Wilkes County, Georgia, and Commandant of the Forces in the State of Georgia, issued a Proclamation, dated 27 June, 1779, from Butler's Creek, etc.

"The Supreme Executive Council ordered Wilkes County to form a more legal Court, so they organized a Court called 'Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery' and elected three justices: Absalom Beddell, Benjamine Catching and W.C. Downs,and made John Dooley Attorney for the State (1779-1780.)'

Note by Mrs. Pearce: "There is much more about John Dooley and his family. He was a very prominent man in Georgia and I suppose was in North Carolina and South Carolina. His son was named John M. Dooley and he seemed to have just one son, but a number of girls. Col.'s wife's name was Dainah."

GEORGE DAMRON OF AMHERST COUNTY WITH MORGAN'S RIFLEMEN

I have already described the Revolutionary experiences of George Damron who enlisted in March, 1777, in Capt. Dooley's Company of Cavalry, and went from Halifax, Va. to Lincoln County, Ga. 1798.

There is a fascinating new book out by L. H. Sweeney called Amherst County, Virginia, in the Revolution, 1773-82, which includes Extracts from the Lost Order Book. Pages from 4 to 14 should be photostated for the record as they tell the story of Morgan's Riflemen and the whole campaign of the armies in which the Damerons fought. These men wore buckskin shirts and were the picked sharpshooters of the Revolution and the British regarded their marksmanship with superstitious awe. They carried a long knife and a tomahawk in their belts as well as the long hunting rifle. The 6th Foot went to Trenton, N.J. where they lost some prisoners March 14, 1777, and on March 5, same year, were in Pennsylvania etc. Morgan's Riflemen were at Valley Forge in 1777-78.

Page 16 has "A Muster Roll of Capt. Jordan Cabell's Comp^{y} of 6th Virginia Regiment of Foot in the United States of America under the command of Lieutenant Col^{o} James Hendricks for the month of May and June, 1777.

"No. 76 Thomas Moody, 12th Feby, died 16th Sept. (Drums and Fifes.)"
No. 26 "John Welch--supplied the place of Daniel Damron," p. 15.

Page 18, "A Pay Roll of Capt. Samuel Jorden Cabell's Comp^{y} of Sixth Va. Battalion of Continental Forces commanded by Lieutenant Col^{o} James Hendricks for the month of July, 1777:

"William Johnson
John Williams
George Damron, Private,"July 1, for 1 month, rate 6 2/3 dollars, amount of pay 2.10
William More, same information

Page 21 has "Pay Roll of Capt. Samuel Jorden Cabell's Co. of the Rifle Detachment Commanded by Col^{o} Daniel Morgan for Three Months from the 1st of August to the 1st of November, 1777:

"George Damron, Private, 6 2/3 dollars per month, whole pay in dollars 20; whole pay in Virginia currency 6 L."
William Moore (same information
William Johnson

Page 22 has "A Payroll of Capt. Benjamin Taliaferro's Comp^{y} of Detached Riflemen commanded by Col^{o} Danl Morgan for the month of December, 1777," in which all men got an "extra month's pay"allowed by the Honourable the Continental Congress." George Damron, private, 6 2/3 dollars per mo. whole pay in dollars 6 2/3. William Moore is the same. William Moore's name is next to that of George Damron on almost every payroll. The Moores intermarried with one of the Damron families, it must be remembered.. All of the above pay rolls refer to Morgan's Riflemen.

Amherst County Deeds show in 1786 a deed to George Dameron from Moses Ray, and in 1788 George Dameron deeds to Alex. Chesnall. William Dameron 1787 m. Susanna Lee, widow. In 1778 Charles Dameron deeds to Wm. Camden, Dunmore Dameron 1800.

In L. H. Sweeney's book Amherst County, Virginia, in the Revolution, 1773-82, page 23 has "A Payroll of Capt. Benjamin Taliaferro's Comp^y of Detached Riflemen commanded by Col^o Danl Morgan "from the first day of Feb. 1778 to the expiration of their service, including 15 days allowed them for going to Virginia":

"William Moore, discharged 16th Feby.
Geo. Damron, private, discharged 14th Feby, 29 days, dollars per mo. 6 2/3, whole pay in dollars 6 40/72."

"Page 54 has this about a Col. Dameron: "Henry McLain of Nelson County, Va. applying for a pension in 1832 said he enlisted from Amherst County, '2 months under Capt. Azariah Martin; marched to Hillsborough, then to Camden. The engagement in which Gen. Gates was defeated took place the following night. Before day they had orders to retreat. Col. Dameron, who had lost his hat, told them to escape the best way they could, which they did and set off in great confusion, and from there returned home, as his company was not organized again." He had a record of more service later.

Page 148 of this book says Austin Knight married Elizabeth Ham. They "were m. in Amherst Co., Va. Feb. 24, 1789, by Rev. Dameron."

It is also noted that William Dameron sells land 1791. William Dameron and wife, Susannah, sell land, 1796. He buys land 1798. Dunmore Dameron buys land, 100 acres, north side of the Anne Laugh Creek.

The office of the Adjutant-General in the Washington, D.C. Archives has this George Damron listed as "6 V.R., Capt. Thomas Patterson's Co., Comd. Lt. Col. Hendricks."

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As to Nelson County, I found a Charles Dameron there near Albemarle in the 1810 Census, also John Q. and William.

In Index to Marriages of Nelson County, Va. I found these Damerons:

Abby, 65
Drury C., 19
James T., 25
William C., 84, 98
John, 36
Nicholas B., 91
William, 21, 28
William D., 74

J.W. Damron records showed John J. Dameron b. about 1836 m. Sarah F. Townsend b. about 1839, Nelson Co., Va.

4. THE REVOLUTIONARY RECORD OF CAPT. JOHN DAMRON

In Washington, D.C. I could not find any record of John Damron in the Pensions Bureau nor in the Old Records Department of the National Archives. However, I received a report from the Adjutant General, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C. dated Nov. 28, 1952, which said:

"A careful search of the records of said war in the army archives has been made and no record has been found regarding any service rendered by Captain John Damron (Dameron) or Andrew Carson.

"The records show, however, that one John Damron (also shown as Dameron) served during said war as a private, Captain Harry Dudley's Company, 2d Virginia State Regiment, commanded by Colonel Gregory Smith. Neither the date of his entry into service nor the date of his separation therefrom is shown. His name first appears on the company pay roll from 15 March to 1 May 1778 and last appears on a List dated White Plains, 8 September 1778, which contains the following note-- 'The within Soldiers are to serve untill March 1780 agreeable to an Act Assembly-- H Dudley Capt 2 V.S.R.' and the remark: 'sick prest.'

"The records also show that one John Damron served during said war as a private in a company designated at various times as Captain Thomas Walker's and Captain William Henderson's Company, 9th Virginia Regiment, commanded at various times by Thomas Fleming, Esquire, and Colonel George Mathews. Neither the date of his entry into service nor the date of his separation therefrom is shown. His name first appears on the company pay roll for November 1776 and last appears on an undated 'List of Ballance of Pay due the Prisoners of Capt. William Henderson's Compy of the 9th Virga Regt to 4th Ocr 1777', which bears the remark: 'Taken Prisoner at the Battle of German Town Oct. 4, 1777."

Ruth Damron Dorius also tried to get more information from the Adjutant General but found only the same material: "John Damron 9 VR two yr. enlistment, Apr. 10, 1776-Oct. 4, 1778, Virg. Reg. in Continental Army. Was at White Plains, sick at Valley Forge, prisoner at Battle of German Town, Oct. 4, 1777, in Capt. Thom. Walker's Co. (later to Capt. Wm. Henderson's Co.) Thom. Fleming, Esq. commander. John Damron 2 V.S.R. Capt. Dudley's Co., March 15 to Sept. 8, 1778."

I then asked Anne Waller Reddy, of 1005 East Marshall Street, Richmond,Va., who is considered the leading genealogist on the Revolution in Virginia, to check the records and she reported:

"JOHN DAMERON, county not placed. Born 1757, died _____, married Ann Ladd, daughter of Noble Ladd and his wife _____ Dameron.

"Miscellaneous Revolutionary Box 5 shows a Roll of the 2d Va. State Regiment in which he served under Capt. Henry Dudley. War Department called W.D. 50, page 1, photostated, shows John Damron in the 2d Va. Regt. under Capt. Henry Dudley, Col. Gregory Smith, from 15 March to 1st May, 1778.

"Ibid, page 4, Pay Roll of Capt. Henry Dudley, 2d Va. Jul. 1778, JOHN DAMERON sick at Valley Forge. Not found again in the 20 pages belonging to this W.D. 50.

"Gwathmey states he was in the 2d Va. Regt. also in the 9th Continental Line.

"War Department 197, page 1, shows he served under Capt. Thomas Fleming, Dec. 1779 in the 9th Va."

Miss Reddy said she believed all these references were to one John Damron. She said there was no further material in the Virginia State Library though Gwathmey and others had other sources for their information also. Apparently it was an error to assign him to the 9th Continental Line, as the original reference which I saw showed the 9th Virginia State Regiment. It was in the Continental Line. It is very difficult to trace a captain of militia as these men often had no regular service and kept no records to speak of. The title "captain" may have come as a recruiting officer or as an honorary title later on in some veterans' organization. I have no record of his service as an officer, except that the Media Research Bureau's pamphlet on "The Name and Family of Dam(e)ron," said: "Among those of the name who served in the Revolutionary war were Colonel Thomas Dameron, Captain John Dameron, Abraham Dameron, Jacob Dameron, Joseph Dameron, Joshua Dameron and Thomas Dameron, all of Virginia; and George and Joseph Dameron of North Carolina." I tried to get further information, but this organization had closed down. The reference given was to the book "Soldiers from New York in the Revolution, 1932; also Encyclopedia Americana, 1932.

The tombstone in Drake Cemetery, Illinois, Johnson County, is one of the regulation type for Revolutionary veterans and is inscribed: "Capt. Jno. Damron, U.S. Soldier, Rev. War." Beside it is an identical one for Benegar Gill, father of Stephen who married Agnes Damron.

I asked Miss Reddy to check further and to try to trace some of the men and officers of the companies John Damron was in in an attempt to find the county John Damron enlisted from. She reported:

"Capt. Henry Dudley: the records do not show his county but he was of this section of Va.--King & Queen County or Gloucester County. He was operating in York County because he issued a warrant for supplies in that county. Elizabeth City County mentions in their claims the troop of Cavalry of Capt. Henry Dudley.

"Col. Gregory Smith (called in the record, I believe, Georg. Gregory Smith), was from King William County."

In a later report she said:

"Daniel Waller likely belongs to the Stafford family. I am rather familiar with the King William-Spottsylvania Wallers as they are my own and I have never seen a Daniel among their descendants. (I had asked her about him as his name was listed twice next to that of John Damron on the pay rolls and he appeared to be one of his companions in collecting this pay.)

"I have often done that checking to see if I could identify the man with a county. This I know: when Capt. Henry Dudley started, he was either from King and Queen or from Gloucester. Gregory Smith I know was from King William County. As the war moves on and some of the militia companies are called into the service with Continental units, different soldiers are shifted into the companies.

"Brumbaugh, the late historian, wrote one book on Virginia Revolutionary soldiers and I knew him very well and have visited him in Washington and he and his wife visited me when I was there. He was very disappointed that he could not get the records of the 9th Virginia. Mr. Strickler of Shenandoah County tried very hard to locate some of the early 8th Virginia which was the German Regiment, but the early Mecklenburg rolls are just not obtainable, as I know of.

"Drummers are often listed in the pay rolls although I will say more often they are not listed. However, a good many pay rolls which I have read lists the drummers. They were usually or often young boys.

"If you wish to see the book 'New York Historical Society Collections, Vol. II, p. 642, 1915, has a list of the Berkeley County Militia under Capt. Wm. Morgan.

"Virginia Militia in the Revolutionary War is by McAllister. He lists the counties and also has two lists of Pensioners. He did not work even half of the Virginia counties. His work is very fine as it helps a great deal. Most county order Books list the officers appointed during the Revolution and he used these lists to publish. Such lists are usually available from the indices to the Order Books in most Revolutionary periods.

"W.D. reference is from War Department, Photostats of Virginia Revolutionary Records, of which the originals are in the U.S. Archives. With what I know of the different men and officers some times I can identify the county and again in many cases I do not have any idea. When one secures a W.D. Roll for 1775 and 1776 usually the men are from the same neighborhood but after passing 1777 say in '78 and '79, the pay rolls have been so deleted and changed by additions from other regiments that in these cases it is usually very difficult to locate the county from which the majority of the men came."

This report is dated Feb. 23, 1953.

I looked up the Report of the State Librarian of Virginia, "Revolutionary Soldiers of Virginia, by Eckenrode, and found John Dameron (2 V.S.R.), W.D. 50, 1, 4, W.D. 197, 1. (Virginia State Regiment--V.S.R.)

In the War Department Photos of Payrolls of Virginia Continental Line, referred to by folders (353 folders), I found the reference to John Dameron, "2 V.S.R.," referring to the 2d Regiment of Virginia State Line in the Continental Army. There was a James Ladd in the 1st Va. State Reg. W.D. 23, 1.

Nell Elkins Crawford Pearce of 500 Avalon Drive, West Memphis, Arkansas, found John Damron in Georgia 1787, 1789, in Wilkes County. "In 1799 he received several thousand acres of land in Washington Co., Ga. (That was mostly given to Rev. soldiers.) He sold all of this land, went back to Wilkes County in 1805, but with all of these deeds no wife signed with him (was trying to find Anna signing deeds.) After 1805 he was not to be found again. Simply lost him in Ga."

Following up this lead, she also found in Georgia Capt. John Dooley, officer of the company in which George Damron served in the Revolution, under command of "Col. White... of Pitsylvania in March, 1777," according to his pension declaration. George Damron lived in Halifax, Va. until moving to Lincoln Co., N.C. We find George Damron and a John Damron in Halifax County, and George is shown in LincolnCounty on the 1820 Census with a J. Damron.

Anne Waller Reddy reported "Marriages of Pittsylvania: John Dameron to Elizabeth Boyd, 31 Dec. 1795; George Dameron to S. Boyd, 5 Jan. 1785." She also found a reference on pp 1143 and 1345 to John Dameron in Annals of South West Virginia, but could not find the listing it referred to.

I had photostats made of the references to John Damron on the pay rolls and we tried to study them to trace the origin of some of the men in the companies to see if we could find where the company was raised.

Mrs. Pearce wrote that she could not find Capt. Henderson in Gwathmey, nor in the Roster of N.C. Rev. Soldiers, nor in the GARS; that the Virginia Tax List had 8 Williams listed, Counties Fayette, Augusta, Campbell, Rockbridge, Prince William, Washington, Loudon (this 1782-89.)

There is a book of Memoirs of the Militia of Virginia in the Revolution by Lee, and also a good deal of information is to be found in the State Records of the Virginia Assembly and of the North Carolina government.

Anne Waller Reddy has 150,000 unindexed names in her files and charges $10 to search for each name, but does not charge if she finds nothing on it. Her fee is $3 per hour, on regular work.

Undoubtedly John Dameron or Damron received the Georgia lands for his Revolutionary services. Mrs. Pearce sent these references: "Early Records of Georgia, Wilkes County, V. II: John Damron p. 109, Deed Book "HH" Wilkes County, Ct. House, p. 293. John Dameron of Wilkes County to Henry Harris of Richmond Co., 160 acres on waters of Williams Creek for 20 shillings. Oct. 5, 1789. Wits. Benj. Scott, Thos. Grant, Daniel Grant.

V. 1, p. 277, Deed Book "BB" 1787-1789, p. 73, Samuel Rutherford to wife Rebecca one half of all household goods for life. If she dies first, to dispose of half by will, if he dies first all to be divided. Jan. 25, 1788. Wits. Oliver Mathews, John Dameron."

Note by Mrs. Pearce: "The Mathews in Georgia were from Virginia and were very wealthy and very much thought of in Georgia. John Dameron received several land grants in Georgia. He disposed of all of them prior to 1805, but I could not find where Anna signed any of them. In fact, no one signed any of them with him.

She also found in the Reprint Land Lottery 1827, where Charles Damron drew, being thenof Jackson County, drew in Lee County; this says he was R.S. drew in Muscogee Co., Uriah Damron of Jackson County, drew in Carroll County, p. 99. Reference to Charles was p. 16, 196.

Nell Elkins Pearce tried to trace some of the men in Capt. Henry Dudley's company to their home counties in an attempt to find where John Damron enlisted from and found these in the Virginia census 1782-85:

John Stevens, three in Isle of Wight, one of Northumberland, one of Orange
Jesse Westmoreland, Mecklenburg
James Chisam, Halifax
David Fielder,none listed
Thos. Evans, Monongahela and one of Mecklenburg
James McCarter, Mecklenburg and Amherst
Edward Newman, City of Richmond, 1782
George Moore, six listed by this name
Thos. Phillips, 4 listed by this name
George Gardner, Surry, two in same county
Jno. Brandom, Lancaster
Wm. Fox, Mecklenburg, Shenandoah, Greenville
John Elliott, 6 of this name listed
Wm. Elliott, 6 of this name listed

Jacob Parkerson, New Kent
Thos. Humphrey, Cumberland

(Note: the other names were not to be found.)

The above looks like a Northumberland-Lancaster list, or Mecklenburg.

As to the officers, she found:

Nathaniel Hatch, Nath'l Hatcher listed, Chesterfield
John Davis, many of this name
John Brandom, Halifax 1785
John Downey, Gwathmey refers to 10th Reg. Va. Continental Line
Levi Coleman, 2 Va. State Regt.
John Dooley, not in Gwathmey,but has listed George, Bedford Co. Militia, Lst. Lt. 1779; Jacob, transf. to Cont. Army Line; Stephen, Eckenrode's book; Thomas, Capt. Bedford Co. Militia 1777; Jacob, Jr. Cont. Army, William, transf. to Cont. Line. John Dooley had bros. Geo. and Thomas and one other. All went to Georgia to fight.
Wm. Henderson, not in Gwathmey nor SAR records

In the 1776 pay roll, I noticed some Northumberland names: Lewis, Eubanks, Taylor, Cox, Harding, Harris, Waddy Vines. Garland is a Lunenburg name. Several Eubanks are listed. Blackwell is another Northumberland family.

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In the Public Service Claims 1776, Virginia, I found George Dameron, Northumberland Co. Com. Bk. IV, p. 115, also Onesephrous Dameron, Northumberland. This reference also had Jehosaphat Ladd,Fluvanna, John Williamson assignee, and Bartholomew Dameron, Court Book, p. 20, Cert. 1, Brunswick; Christopher, Brunswick, p. 20, 38; Cert. 1, Com. Book, p. 110; also Samuel, Brunswick, p. 72, Ct. Book. This is for Revolutionary supplies.

The Bounty Warrants Catalogue had Jacob Dameron, soldier, army, see papers, E. M. Crippin in 1807; Thomas Dameroh, seaman, Lancaster, Navy, ment. of heir.

In the War of 1812 Catalogue, I found: Charles Dameron, Sergt. PR 251, MR 704, MR 706, MR 765, pp. 399: George C. PR 393; John C. Dameron,MR 127; John C. Dameron, PR 391; Luke Dameron, PR 381; Luke Dameron pension MR 127.

Ruth Damron Dorius tried to find the home counties of the men in the 2d and 9th Va. regiments where John Damron was listed and sent these notes: (Taken chiefly from the Pension Bureau in the National Archives, Washington, D.C.)

Richard Bell, S 8064, Indian spy, Capt. Bowman's Co., Va. troop, lived in Harrison County, W. Va.

James Chisham, b. 25, 1768, enlisted while residing in Orange Co., Va. and went to Scott Co., Ky. He was in Capt. Robert Pollard's Co., Col. James Slaughter's Reg. 2 months, Capt. Richard Webb's and Col. Edmund's, and 2 months with Capt. Tim. Conner's Co.

Wm. Elliott, b. Essex Co., Va. enlisted Dec. 20, 1776, in Essex Co. Capt. Wm. Pierce's and Thomas Baytop's Co., Col. Chas. Harrison, Reg. of Artillery; was in Gen. Sullivan's Island Expedition, discharged Dec. 20, 1779, married Virg. Edwards in Caroline County, 1793, lived in Gloucester Co., Va.

In 1840, Johnson County, Illinois, Census: Wm. Short, Peter McMahan, Barnabus Smith, Wm. Jones, George Martin, Wm. B. Pearce 20-30, Wm. Newton, Nathan Richardson, Allen Pruett 60-70, Wm. K. Whitesides, John W. Elkins 20-30, Fellow Cox, Thomas Evans (2d Reg.), Richard Elkins 40-50, Mary Ladd (Milton was dead in 1840), 20-30, Alexander Ireland 30-40, wife 20-30, Thomas Eubank (no pension of him in 9th Regt.), Wm. Elkins 40-50, Wiley B. Tigner, Nimrod Thompson 50-60, Wm. Choat 30-40, wife 20-30, 2 females under 10, 1 male under 5.

Mecklenburg County, Va. names found: Carter, Rogers, Lewis, Clark, Thompson, Edwards, Dedmon, Cox, Bently, Elliott, Fox, Malone, Matthews, Mullins, Newton, Pennington, Richardson, Wilson, Waller. She also found in Mecklenburg marriage of Wm. Ladd and Fatha Pennington 29 Dec. 1800, note from Henry Pennington, father. Also she found the marriage of Starling Moore to Huldy Ladd 29 Dec. 1799, Geo. Baker, Sec., and Whittemore Heathercock and Henrietta Ladd, 26 Nov. 1808, James Drumright.

Elizabeth Dameron m. Thomas Downing and three of their children married names with John Damron in the 9th Regt: Sam. m. Mary Edwards, Kath. m. Capt. Wm. Blackwell, Eliz m. Cox. Wm. Edwards and Benj. Cox are named on the 9th, also Wm. Blackwell. I'm sure I've seen Blackwell and Cox in Ill. census work. I'm sure Elisha Reynolds and Lewis Shultz were pensioned from N.C.

See Page 44-b on Lazarus Dameron who fought at Kings Mountain, which says Thomas Walker was of Albemarle, and Thomas Fleming of Goochland, com. in Augusta Co.

U.S. Pay Dept. Reg. of certificates John Pierce, Esq. paymaster Gen. and Comm. of army accts. 4 July, 1783, (no history of Pierce).

In 1792 Campbell proposed 50 men as rangers near Cumberland Gap, Va. at Hawkins, Browns, Wilkinsons, Robersons, Blackmore's station, Carters, Martins, Cox, etc. Capt. Mathew Willoughby and Ensign Wm. Campbell were at Powell's Valley, also Moses Cockrell and Capt. Neal. (Saw no Moody.)

Ruth also found Emily J. Dameron's pension, of Adair Co., Ky. She m. 1st Hardin; m. soldier Dec. 14, 1857, Adair Co., Ky. death of soldier May 13, 1880, Adair Co., Ky.

John T. Damron, Priv. Jno. W. Shirley's Co. 1812, res. Neatsville, Enl. 23 Aug. 1812, to 23 Mar. 1813, at Columbia, no mention of parents.

In analyzing the origin of the men in the 9th and 2d Va. Regiments with John Damron, we find the following:

9TH VIRGINIA REGIMENT, Thomas Fleming, commander, Thomas Walker, Capt. 1776:

James Lewis (there was also Taliaferro Lewis, Zach. Lewis, fifer). "In the summer of 1777 a regiment was made up of the most expert riflemen, commanded by Col. Morgan. The greater part of Capt. Henderson's Co. were selected and James Lewis took charge of balance of Co. and performed duty of commissioned officer. Battles--Brandywine and Germantown. In latter was taken prisoner and placed in jail at Philadelphia until June 16, 1778, when was exchanged and returned to his regt. A few days later discharged and immediately re-enlisted for 3 yrs., but after serving 3 months was made supernumerary and left service Oct. 1778. Then appt'd. issuing commissary by John Allen and Dec. 1, 1778 went to Albemarle Barracks and remained Aug. 1, 1779, when rec'd pay equal to 1st Lt. on Contl. Establishment. Married 1779. In 1781 he was commissioned 2nd Lt. and served Capt. Taliaferro's Co. Col. Holt Richardson's Va. reg. Militia and left service May 1781. British Col. Tarleton made a raid on Charlottesville and several companies were called to help. 1812 moved to Franklin Co., Tenn. Widow: Mary or Polly Marks whom he married in 1826 in Albemarle Co., Va. Lewis died in Franklin Co. 1849."

Note: Wm. Henderson was Lieutenant of Thos. Walker's Company and later Captain, so the above refers to his company selected for Morgan's Riflemen, the most famous unit of the Revolution. On the 9th James Culbertson was Lieut. and Geo. Mathews Col. 1777, with Peter Muhlenberg Brigadier. The 2d Va. had much the same history as the above James Lewis, and John Damron probably much the same history, also.

John McGee, 9th Va. 1776 pay bill. One of this name enlisted Rockbridge County, Va. in Lewis' campaign against Shawnee Indians and was in battle of Guilford Court House with Gen. Green in 12th Reg. Lived in Sevier and Warren Co., Tenn.

William Bailey, applied for pension 1818 age 60 at Albemarle County, Va. res. at date of enlistment declares he entered under Capt. Thomas Walker's 9th Reg. for 2 yrs. Morgan's Riflemen, battles of Brunswick, taking of Burgoyne.

James Eubanks, served with Wm. Bailey.

John Gilasby, killed Germantown (Alexander Gilasby was also in the 9th Va.)

Charles Goolesby, captured at Germantown. James Goolesby 9th Regt. died in service. John Goolesby 9th Va. died in service.

Also listed with the names John Gilasby and the Goolesbys in Rev. Woods' Revolutionary Soldiers of Albemarle, Va. were Wm. Henderson, Capt. Hudson Martin, Capt. Thomas Walker, Jr. 9th Va. Also listed were Harris--Benj., Rob. and Wm. Also Meriwether--James, Thomas, David, Nicholas, John, 9th Va.

Wm. Henderson went to Anderson Co., Ky. Emigrants from Albemarle to Illinois included Craven, Harris, Wood; to Mississippi, Dawson, Garland, Hardin, Morris, Watson,Woods; to Missouri, Cabell, Carr, Clark, Damron (John Damron, wife Julia Thurmond, to Lincoln Co., Mo.), Glen etc. Thomas Eubank (Nancy Old) went to Monroe Co., Ky. Geo. and Henry Garrett went to Montgomery County, Ky. Isaac Hardin to Maury Co., Tenn. Isaac M. Newton went toLick Creek, Ill., son of James and Mary; James first wife was Susan Damron;James was b. 1841.

The above shows that this company must have originated in Albemarle County,Va.

Thomas Carr, an ensign on the 9th Va. One of this name died 1836. He served under Capt. Robt. Jackson, forced march to Yorktown but arrived after surrender of Cornwallis; six months prior was on guard on the frontiers against Indians. He married in Berkeley County, Va. (D.A.R. Pension Books.)

David Merriwether, 9thVa., was granted 200 acres of land 1795 in Georgia. He was a Lt. in Va. troops. Papers were destroyed due to fire in War Office 1800.

William Clark and Jesse Clark, 9th Va. married in Mecklenburg County, Va. 1799 and 1785; Miss Martha Jones and Jinny Insco. (Mecklenburg names are Lewis, Clark, Rogers, Dedman, Cox, Elliot, Fox, Waller, Richardson, etc.) Lewis and Clark of the expedition to Oregon were of Albemarle, and Caroline.

Mariam Cropper also found more names of Revolutionary soldiers on the 1820 census of Franklin County, Ill: Phillips, Eubanks, Cox, Ewing, Thompson,Moore, Rodgers Lockaleer, Spencer Wadkins, J. Damron, Hezekiah Garret, Jos. Nuten, Walter McDaniel, Cambell (Robt. and Wm.), Moses and Wiley Jones, John W. and Richard Waller, Gideon Taylor, Caldwell, Odum, Weekly, Berns, Philip Russell, John Davis, and Ivory. There is a town of Garrett near Floyd Co., Ky.

As to the 2d Virginia Regiment, we find the following:

Charles Dameron of Albemarle was with Col. Elbert in the 2d Regt 1779-1786.

Jesse Westmoreland (Joseph was also in the 2d Va.) enlisted from Mecklenburg County, Va. 1778 under Capts. Burrell and Henry Dudley and Co. Wm. Brent. Served 3 years. Engaged in battles of Monmouth and Paulus Hook. Pensioned from Fentress County, Tenn. (D.A.R. Pension Books.)

Also of Mecklenburg, see p. 13, were James McCarter, Wm. Fox, Thos. Evans.

Jacob Parkerson, enlisted from Northampton Co., Va. 3rd Regt. Va. State troops under Capt. Smith and 1st and 2nd Lts. (brothers) Welch. In Battle of Monmouth, then exchanged places with John Lynch of N.C. because his brother was in N.C. Pensioned from Pulaski County, Ga. Born 1761, Va. (D.A.R. Pension Books.)

Henry Dudley was son of the Duke of Northumberland and took military training at William and Mary College.

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Ruth also found Edward Garland, served as corporal, Capt. Thos. Walker's Va. Regt. at battles of Brandywine, Germantown and Cootses Bridge, widow pensioned in Albemarle Co. 1846; married Sarah Oelds (Olds) of Albemarle 1785 in Amherst Co.

Josiah Marcum, b. 1759, Chesterfield County, Va. enlisted in Bedford Co., Va. and resided in Lawrence Co., Ky. He enlisted 1780 and was 18 months drummer boy and private; helped guard wagons etc. He was under Capt. Tate and Richard Edmondson and Col.Campbell in Va. Troops. Was at the battles of Camden and Guilford. Had Honorable Discharge at Hillsborough, N.C. His son Stephen was alive 1833. In Washington Co., Va. Josiah Markham had eight days attendance as witness in the suit Holt vs. Fields.

Note by Ruth Dorius: I have come to the conclusion our John Damron is the one on the 9th Regt. and many more names are familiar on this record. I am sure the 9th was made up from Albemarle and 2nd could have been too, but I believe it was made up at Williamsburg. The name of Henderson appears hand in hand with the Damron records in different states, as do many others of the 9th Regt. Our John no doubt gothis commission in Va. in the 1780's. John and Jos. Dunham of Kings Mt. could be ours.

In December, 1953, the Revolutionary record of Capt. John Damron b. 1757 was established with the Daughters of the American Revolution, and papers were filed with the Registrar General, National Society, Washington, D.C. This was done by the niece of Annabel Walker who also sent the chapter on the Revolution from this book for the D.A.R. files. Annabel wrote: "I wrote her a seven-page letter giving proof why descendants of John Damron, Jr. and Sarah Shultz should be eligible for D.A.R. I sent about ten pages of rpoof to D.A.R. and quoted pages from Mrs. Chapman's book, History of Johnson Co., Ill. I want to tell you how I found this book: I asked the postmaster in Vienna, Ill. to look up Martha Burris and I received a letter from an eighty year old man, Ike Morgan, Vienna. He told me I could get a book written by Mrs. P.T. Chapman. It cost me almost $4 but is worth it. He is in the real estate business in the Bank building that Martha Burris's daughter, Mrs. Pankey, works in. He said they had some extra ones. The book on my husband's family "Elkanah and Mary Walker, Pioneers among the Spokanes," is by Clifford Merrill Drury, Ph.D., Caxton Printers, Ltd. Caldwell, Idaho, 1940. It was taken from Mary's diary. She was b. Baldwin, Maine."

In another letter Annabel wrote that when Frances Crawford Johnson sent papers to the D.A.R. "I had to get a birth certificate for her mother, Mary Richardson Crawford born in Salado, Bell Co., Texas Mar. 13, 1881, twin to Maude Richardson Winters who died in 1942 in Portland, Ore. I got it. I had to prove Martha Salado Damron (my mother) was a daughter of Milton Wesley Damron. Then I had to prove he was a son of John Damron, Jr. Elizabeth Damron Young sent me a photostatic copy showing the families of John Damron Sr. and Jr. together. My niece is Mrs. Ray Johnson, 1111 Hoyt Street, Everett, Wash."

Annabel also wrote: "I got a pamphlet on the counties of Tennessee by Austin P. Foster, Librarian, for $1.00, and on p. 36 it says Roane Co. was created Nov. 6, 1801, with Kingston as county seat and in the county at that time were 275 capable of bearing arms, organized into 6 companies. Only 8 men were unable to sign their names to the muster rolls. Forty-two of them had been Revolutionary soldiers. Among them was Capt. Walker who commanded the bodyguard of Light Horse Harry Lee, p. 36. I am wondering if one of those men could be our John." In a later letter she wrote that the name of the pamphlet was "Counties of Tennessee," and I wrote to the State Library for a copy but they said they had none and Foster was now dead. Annabel added: "Roane was erected Nov. 6, 1801, from Knox Co. named for Judge Roane, Gov. 1801-1803. It did not give the first name of Walker but naturally it must be Thomas." If this is Capt. Thos. Walker, then John Damron was in the bodyguard of Lighthorse Harry Lee, father of Robert E. Lee.

Ruth Dorius looked for the names of the Revolutionary soldiers with John Damron and found on the 1820 census of Franklin County, Ill. where he was: Phillips, Eubanks, Cox, Ewing, Thompson, Moore, Rodgers Lockaleer, Spencer Wadkins, J.Damron, Hezekiah Garrett, Jos. Nuten, Walter McDaniel, Cambell (Robt. and Wm.), Moses and Wiley Jones, John W. and Richard Waller, Gideon Taylor, Caldwell, Odum, Weekly, Berns, Philip Russell, John Davis, and Ivory. She noted a town of Garrett near Floyd Co., Ky. She also wrote: There are names in Illinois on both the 9th and 2d Va. Regiments (on which John Damron served). Have a feeling Wilson Damron was with the Lewis and Clark Expedition which returned in 1806." She also noted: There were a John and Joseph Dunham at King's Mountain. There must have been an Obediah Damron whose record was spelled Danum and Denham in Ky. That Woodson Denham who took out land in Ky. 1806 lived in Pulaski Co. There is a town of Burnside there.

"A PAY BILL OF CAPT. THOMAS WALKERS COMPANY IN THE NINTH VIRGINIA REGIMENT WHEREOF THOMAS FLEMING, ESQ. IS COMMANDER FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1776.

	dollars		
Lieut. William Henderson	18	Amount Brot. forward	198
_____ Hudson Martin	18	William Boorcy (not clear)	6 2/3
Ensign John Hughson	13 1/3	Thomas Baber	6 2/3
Sergeants		Winslow Bunch	6 2/3
James Lewis	8	Hasting Watkins	6 2/3
David Merriwether	8	Ralph Baily	6 2/3
Thomas Mitchell	8	Benjamin Cox	6 2/3
Thomas Carr	8	John Gilasby (not clear)	6 2/3
Corporals		William Edwards	6 2/3
Charles Gadsby (Goolsby?)	7 1/3	Kimbro Saunders	6 2/3
Taliaferro Lewis	7 1/3	William Harding	6 2/3
Jessee Clark	7 1/3	William Davis (?)	6 2/3
Edwar d Garland	7 1/3	John J. Harriss	6 2/3
Zach. Lewis (Fifer)	7 1/3	Anthony Dalton	6 2/3
Privates		John Goodsby	6 2/3
John McGehee	6 2/3	John Damron	6 2/3
William Clark	6 2/3	Thomas Eubanks	6 2/3
James Eubanks	6 2/3	William Baily	6 2/3
Edmund Ragland	6 2/3	Thomas Jobling (?)	6 2/3
Edward Rogers	6 2/3	Daniel Thomas	6 2/3
John Taylor	6 2/3	William Elsom	6 2/3
Ransom Allpnin	6 2/3	Waddy Vines	6 2/3
Thomas Isbell	6 2/3	James Goolsby (?)	6 2/3
William Blackwell	6 2/3	Richmond Dedman	6 2/3
Alexander Gilasby (not clear)	6 2/3	Henry Johnson	6 2/3
Henry Tylor	6 2/3		
Lewis Bush	6 2/3	Car^{d} for^{d}	358

(Note by H.F.S. The above was taken from the original hand written account in W.D. 197, Req. C 6999, of the War Department files. Below is another page from the same file:)

	Rank	Commence of Pay	Time of Service Months : Days	Pay pr Month Dolls.	Amount Casual-Pay Dew ties L S D
					114 12
Charles Allen	Private	1 May	1	6 2/3	2
Charles Smith	Do			6 2/3	2
Edward Trackwell (?)	Do			6 2/3	2
Ambrose Hord	Do			6 2/3	2
Thomas Shores	Do			6 2/3	2
James Eubanks	Do			6 2/3	2
				402	126 12
Deduct of Capt. Wm. Henderson's pay, he being Lieut. to the 10th Inst. 4 1/3 Doll.					1 6
					125. 6

JAMES CULBERTSON, LIEUT. GEO. MATHEWS COL. July 16, 1777,
PETER MUHLENBERG BG.

A PAY ROLL OF CAPT. HARRY DUDLEY'S COMPANY IN THE SECOND VIRGINIA STATE REGIMENT, COMMANDED BY COLL. GREGORY SMITH. TAKEN FROM THE FIFTEENTH OF MARCH TO THE FIRST DAY OF MAY, 1778 60

NAMES	RANK	DOLLARS PR. MONTH	MONTHS	DAYS	AMT. IN DOLLARS
Harry Dudley	Captain	40	1	16	60
John Dudley	1st. Lieut.	27			40 1/2
Nathaniel Welch	2nd. Lieut.	27			40 1/2
John Fleet	Ensign	20			30
Reuben Whitlock	Sergt. Maj.	9	1 1/2		13 1/2
1 John Davis	Sergeant	8	1 1/2		12
2 Henry Bing	Do		1 1/2		12
3 William Jackson	Do		1 1/2		12
4 John Downey	Do		1 1/2		12
1 George Walding	Corpl.	7 1/3	1 1/2		11
Arius Baughan	Do		1 1/2		11
1 James Chavans	Private	6 2/3	1 1/2		10
2 William James	Do		2	16	16 2/3
3 Joel Shin	Do		1	16	10
4 Daniel Waller	Do		2	16	16 2/3
5 John Damron	Do		1	16	10
6 William Richardson	Do				10
7 Thomas Phillips	Do		2	16	16 2/3
3 Ellis Johnson	Do		1	16	10
9 Archer Holloway	Do				10
10 James McCarter	Do		2	16	16 2/3
12 Michael Downey	Do		1	16	10
13 Frederick Coghill	Do				10
14 William Fox	Do				10
15 Timothy Lynch	Do				10
16 William Jones	Do				10
17 Reubin Mann	Do				10
18 John Bandom	Do				10
19 Rhode Brandom	Do				10
20 James Hawks	Do				10
21 William Lock	Do				10
22 Jesse Westmoreland	Do				10
23 Joseph Westmoreland	Do				10
24 Merrit Mahone	Do				10
25 Drewry Pettiford	Do				10
		Carried up			531 1/6 Dollars
26 John Stephens	Private	6 2/3	1	16	10
27 George More	Do				10
28 Edward Newman	Do				10
29 Bozwell Richards	Do		2	16	16 2/3
30 William Dechazo	Do		3	16	20
31 Daniel Lockley	Do		1	16	10
32 Larkin Ferguson	Do				10
33 John Ferguson	Do				10
34 Richard Bell	Do				10
35 George Gardner	Do				10
36 Lewis Bingley	Do				10
37 David Fielder	Do				10
38 Thacker Buntin	Do				10
39 Benjamin Wilkerson	Do				10
40 Jacob Parkerson	Do				10

REMARKS	
41 John Elliott	10
42 Isham Hartwell	10
43 William Wibling	10
44 John Olothlin	10
45 Jeremiah Graves	10
46 James Chisham	16 2/
47 Elias Pettiford	10
48 Thomas Evans	10
49 William Elliott	10
50 Levi Coleman	10
51 George Godby	10
52 Archilas Minit	10
53 William Phelps	5 1/
24 days 5 1/3 dollars, died 8th Apl 1778	
Amount	829 Dollars

(Signed) H. Dudley, Capt.

(Signed) G. Smith, Col.

(W.D. 50, Req. C 6739)

"WE THE PRIVATE SOLDIERS IN CAPT. HENRY DUDLEY'S COMPANY ACKNOWLEDGE:

1.	James Chavans	Private	16 2/3	(Signed) James Chavans
2	Joel Akin	Do	16 2/3	Joel X (his mark) Akin
3	Daniel Waller	Do	16 2/3	H. Dudley for D. Waller
4	John Damron	Do	16 2/3	H. Dudley for John Damron
5.	William Richardson	Do	16 2/3	William Richardson (Signed)
6	Thomas Phillips	Do	16 2/3	H. Dudley for Thos Phillips
7	Elias Johnston	Do	16 2/3	Elias X (his mark) Johnson
8	Archer Holloway	Do	16 2/3	H. Dudley for Arch Holloway
9	James McCarter	Do	16 2/3	James (his mark) McCarter
10	George Carter	Do	16 2/3	George (G his mark) Carter
11	Michale Downey	Do	16 2/3	Michael Downey (signed)
12	Fredrick Coghill	Do	16 2/3	FredrickCoghill (signed)
13	William Fox	Do	16 2/3	(this has a check by it and crossed
14	Timothy Lynch	Do	16 2/3	Timothy X (his mark) Lynch out
15	William Jones	Do	16 2/3	William X (his mark) Jones
16	Ruben Mann	Do	16 2/3	H. Dudley for R. Mann
17	John Brandom	Do	16 2/3	John Brandom by H. Dudley
18	Rhc e Brandom	Do	16 2/3	Rhode X (his mark) Brandom
19	James Halks	Do	16 2/3	James Halks (Signed)
20	William Lock	Do	16 2/3	Wm Lock (Signed)
21	Jesse Westmoreland	Do	16 2/3	Jesse X (his mark) Westmoreland
22	Joseph Westmoreland	Do	16 2/3	J. Westmoland by H. Dudley
23	Merrit Mahone	Do	16 2/3	Mahon by Do
24	Drury Pettiford	Do	16 2/3	Drury X (his mark) Pettiford
25	John Stevens	Do	16 2/3	John Stevens (Signed)
26	George More	Do	16 2/3	George X (his mark) More
27	Edward Newman	Do	16 2/3	Edward X (his mark) Newman
28	William De Shazo	Do	16 2/3	W. Deshazo by H. Dudley"

(Note by H.F.S. The above was on a separate piece of paper next to the pay roll for June, 1778, for Capt. Henry Dudley's Company, 2d Virginia State Regiment, in W.D. 50, Miscellaneous Revolutionary Box 5. The regular pay roll did not have John Damron's name on it but this sheet carries it, though he did not receipt for it but it was received by Capt. Dudley. We can only guess why these men did not sign--perhaps they were ill and absent at Valley Forge or out on a scouting party. Also why this extra amount? Bonuses were paid for special service.

Only seven of the above could sign their own names. It is said that only about four hundred of these pay rolls are now of record. Probably many of the officers could not even write so they did not keep any.

After July when he is still sick at Valley Forge, 1778, John Damron's name does not appear again in the rest of the 20 pages foundin this Box of W.D. papers 50.)

"PAYROLL CAP. DUDLEY 2ND VIRGINIA STATE REG. FOR JUNE, 1778

"PAY ROLL CAPT. HENRY DUDLEY, FOR MONTH JUNE, 1778, (654 2/3 DOLLARS)4-from inside of the covering paper

NAMES	RANK	MONTHS	DOLLARS PR. MONTH	SUBST. MONEY	AMT. IN DOLLARS	REMARKS
Brought Over			394 2/3			
22 Joseph Westmoreland	Private	1	6 2/3		6 2/3	
23 Merrit Mahon	Do	Do	6 2/3		6 2/3	
24 Drury Pettiford			6 2/3		6 2/3	
25 John Stevens			6 2/3		6 2/3	
26 George Moore			Do		6 2/3	
27 Edw Newman					6 2/3	
28 Wm. Deshazer					6 2/3	
29 Danl Lockley					6 2/3	Sick & absent
30 Larkin Ferguson					6 2/3	
31 John Ferguson					6 2/3	
32 Richd Bell					6 2/3	Sick & absent
33 Geo. Gardner					6 2/3	Sick & absent
34 Lewis Bingley					6 2/3	Sick Abs.
35 David Fielder					6 2/3	Do Do & ____(?)
36 Benja. Wilkinson					6 2/3	
37 Thacker Buntin					6 2/3	
38 Jacob Parker					6 2/3	
39 John Elliot					6 2/3	
40 Isham Hartwell					6 2/3	
41 Willm Nibling					6 2/3	Sick Abst
42 John O'Locklin					6 2/3	
43 Jeremiah Graves					6 2/3	(Sick Abst)
44 James Chisholm		2	6 2/3		13 2/3	Sick in Feb. & March/
45 Eliase Pettiford		1			6 2/3	
46 Thos. Evans		Do	Do		6 2/3	
47 Wm. Eliot					6 2/3	
48 Levi Coleman					6 2/3	
49 Geo. Godby					6 2/3	(Sick & Abst)
50 John Wheeleys (?)		2	6 2/3		13 2/3	Omitted in April/
51 Archley Merrit (?)		1	Do		6 2/3	
52 Tapla Manes		Do			6 2/3	Sick & Abst.
53 Thos. Whitloe					6 2/3	
54 Francis Whitloe					6 2/3	
55 Wm. Charles					6 2/3	
56 Thos. Humphreys		3			20	Omited Ap. & May
					654 2/3	dollars

(Note: This is copied from War Department Box 50, Miscellaneous Revolutionary Box 5, Virginia State Library Archives. John Damron does not appear on the above but is on another list. He is not found after he is "sick at Valley Forge" in the rest of the20 pages of W.D. 50. Capt. Henry Dudley's company was a cavalry company as the Elizabeth City County records show a claim for his "troop of Cavalry," according to Anne Waller Reddy. He was according to family tradition a drummer boy in 1776--John Damron was.)

(OUTSIDE) "PAY ROLL CAPT. HENRY DUDLEY FOR MONTH JULY 1778 (587 2/3 Dollars)"

(INSIDE PAGE)"Pay Roll Capt. Dudley 2nd Virginia Reg. for July 1778."

NAMES	RANK	MONTHS	DOLLARS P. MONTH	FOR SUBSIST	AMT. IN DOLLARS	REMARKS
				Amt. brot forward ____		
20 John Stevens	Privt.	1	6 2/3		6 2/3	
21 Jesse Westmoreland	Do	Do	Do		6 2/3	
22 Rhoade Brandom					6 2/3	
23 Thacker Buntin					6 2/3	
24 Wm. Charles					6 2/3	
25 Fredk Coghill					6 2/3	
26 James Chisam					6 2/3	
27 David Fielder					6 2/3	
28 Wm Nibling					6 2/3	
29 Thos Evans					6 2/3	
30 Drury Pettiford					6 2/3	
31 Mw. Deshazoe					6 2/3	
32 Francis Whitloe					6 2/3	
33 James Hawks					6 2/3	
34 Levi Coleman					6 2/3	
35 James McCarter					6 2/3	
36 Archless Merrit					6 2/3	
37 Edward Newman					6 2/3	
38 Thos Whitton					6 2/3	
39 Geo Moore					6 2/3	
40 Thos Phillips					6 2/3	Sick Valley Forge
41 John Wheeley (?)					6 2/3	Do Do
* 42 John Damron					6 2/3	Do Do
43 Lewis Bingley					6 2/3	Do Do
44 Geo Gardner					6 2/3	Do Do
45 Danl Lockley					6 2/3	Do Do Ferry
46 Taply Manes					6 2/3	Sick Coryell's /
47 Richd Bell					6 2/3	Do Princeton
48 Joseph Westmoreland					6 2/3	Do Princeton
49 Danl Waller					6 2/3	Do Do
50 Archib Holloway					6 2/3	Do Do
51 John Brandom					6 2/3	Do Do 1778
52 Wm Fox		(26 days x'd out)			6 2/3	Deceased 26th July/
53 Reuben Mann					6 2/3	Sick Princeton
54 John Elliott					6 2/3	Do Do
55 Wm Elliott					6 2/3	Do Do
56 Timothy Lynch					6 2/3	
					589 2/3	dollars

Deduct sick Absent

2 corporals	12 2/3
16 privates	101 2/3
	116

(Note by H.F.S. These are copied from the original, brittle, yellow old pay roll papers in the Archives of the Virginia State Library in Richmond, inWar Department Miscellaneous Revolutionary Box 5. John Damron is shown from March 15 to May 1, 1778, is on the June roll and is "Sick Valley Forge" in July.)

5. THE BACKGROUND OF REVOLUTIONARY HISTORY

1757, Jan. 12	John Damron was born.
1776, Nov.	John Damron joins the 9th Virginia Regiment commanded by Thomas Fleming or Col. Geo. Mathews, in the company of Capt. Thomas Walker, later commanded by Capt. Wm. Henderson. The family tradition is that he was a drummer boy.
1777, Oct. 4	John Damron is"taken prisoner at the Battle of German Town Oct. 4, 1777," and dropped from the payroll of Capt. Henderson. He may have escaped or been exchanged, or this may have been a mistake and he could have been lost in battle.
1778,March 15,	May 1. John Damron's name is on the pay roll of "Capt. Henry Dudley's Company in the Second Virginia State Regiment, Commanded by Coll. Gregory Smith. He is a private.
1778,June	He is not on the regular payroll but is on a list as No. 4 which acknowledged receipt of 16 2/3 dollars in pay, signed for by Capt. Henry Dudley, which means that he was absent and perhaps sick at Valley Forge when his company moved on
1778,July	John Damron is shown on the pay roll as "sick Valley Forge," with five others. Taply Manes was left at Coryell's Ferry sick, which is where Washington crossed the Delaware, and five others are left sick at Princeton, N.J. or rather eight, of whom Wm. Fox died July 26, 1778. At this time 16 privates were sick and absent and two corporals. This shows that the 2d Virginia was under Washington's command and following his campaign northward.
1778, Sept. 8 "White Plains, N.Y."	John Damron is shown as "sick prest," and one of "The Within Soldiers are to Serve untill March 1780 agreeable to an Act Assembly. H Dudley Capt 2 V.S.R." This would be under the Virginia Assembly Militia in a Continental Line.
1780, March	John Damron would be released from his two years of service.
1781, Dec. 22	John Damron's first child is born, Joseph, so he must have married Anna Ladd on his return from service in 1780
1791, May 19	John Damron, Jr. is "born in Virginia," as he says in the 1850 Census records in Texas.
1804, Feb. 8	Anna Ladd, wife of John Damron, Sr. dies, and he later marries Cynthia, perhaps descendant of Noah Thompson of Bertie Co., N.C.
1811, July 31	Agnes Damron is born in Tennessee, according to the Census.
1815, Oct. 27	Elvira Damron is born in Illinois, where her father John Sr. was a Methodist Episcopal preacher.
1835, Sept. 5	Will of John Damron, Sr. is signed, Franklin County, Illinois, but there is no record that it was probated. His tombstone in Drake Cemetery, Franklin County, Ill. is inscribed: "Capt. Jno. Damron, U.S. Army, Rev. Soldier." He could have become a captain between 1778 and 1780. It is possible there were two John Damrons in the Revolution but we have no reason to think so at present.

As these two Virginia regiments were fighting in George Washington's campaign in the north, the history can easily be found in any history book on the Revolution. It was Morgan's Virginia Riflemen who defeated Burgoyne in 1777. I made a few notes from A Short History of the American Revolution by J.H. Preston, as follows:

In September, 1777, Burgoyne and his British troops crossed the Hudson River at Saratoga, N.Y. and Gates was stationed on Bemis Heights with the Pole Kosciusko with him. Gates "went out on the morning of the nineteenth: With him were Dearborn's light infantry and Morgan's white-smocked riflemen from Virginia. They marched along the Quaker Road from Bemis Heights, with the dream of cutting off Burgoyne's right wing under Frazer . . . Morgan's crack riflemen climbed trees, perched themselves with their trusty rifles among the top branches and waited for the sight of Burgoyne's fine circus parade... Morgan's men were aiming at the officers. The British recoiled in panic . . . The snipers were everywhere . . . in every tree . . . behind every stump. Dearborn's infantry lies hidden, flat on their bellies . . . Two hours pass. The British are in hopeless confusion . . . " Then fresh reinforcements of 900 Hessians arrive to help the British. Arnold, the Connecticut commander, withdraws to Bemis Heights when dark comes. At this time the cabal of Gates was started to have him take the place of Washington who had had so many defeats and who was then still in Pennsylvania.

"On the twenty-third (1777) Sept. Gates removed Dan Morgan's riflemen and Dearborn's light infantry corps from Arnold's command, and assumed them for himself.

George Dameron was with Morgan's Riflemen, it must be remembered. Morgan continued to harass the enemy constantly, then on Oct. 7, 1777, three days after the Battle of German Town in Pennsylvania, another battle began. "Morgan went out with his lean-faced riflemen from Virginia and swept against the British left flank." Burgoyne was defeated and retreated to Saratoga, and on Oct. 17, surrendered, 10 days after the battle, handing his sword to Gates, who had not done much of the fighting at Saratoga.

Meantime George Washington had been badly defeated at Chad's Ford in the Battle of the Brandywine and Howe was in Germantown with about 6,500 men. Washington had about 11,000 men but a fourth "were unfit for heavy service." In the evening of Oct. 3, 1777, Washington moved south out of Pennypacker's Mills, marching fourteen miles in the dark without sleep and food. At dawn they advanced on the British at German Town. Wayne, Sullivan, Greene, Pulaski and Washington were in command. Mad Anthony Wayne attacked while Washington was "lost in the fog," but they spent most of their time bombarding the Chew house where the British officers had taken refuge. "Just at this moment, Greene's right wing under Stephen came roaring up through the fog, forty-five minutes late. The good General Stephen was footsore and weary." Stephen's men proceeded to attack their own Americans under Wayne whom they couldn't distinguish in the fog. Then Wayne was at the same time attacked by the British on his other flank. Greene and Peter Muhlenberg drove on and met the British in the center of German Town village in house to house bayonet fighting. The Americans were badly defeated and Howe marched into Philadelphia to take up winter quarters in great luxury while the Americans stayed at Valley Forge near Philadelphia. We must note that Peter Muhlenberg was the Brigadier over Col. Geo. Mathews and Capt. Wm. Henderson's company and signed a voucher July 16, 1777, though John Damron is not listed on this fragment of record which includes only six privates.

(1) THE WINTER AT VALLEY FORGE

In October, 1777, the British had destroyed the American forts on the Delaware. "Washington staggered, broken-hearted, and tired, marched what was left of his army out into the hills along the Schuylkill, some twenty miles from Philadelphia and settled down for the winter. It was a sad army . . . The new encampment was a high spot among rolling, snow-burdened hills--a bleak outpost in the teeth of the four winds. There were a few houses, a forage where the Valley Creek ran into the Schuylkill with a babbling gurgle... Valley Forge, they called it . . . where the wolves howled in the night, where winter blizzards whistled eerily through the bare ravines." Washington took up headquarters in the little stone house owned by Deborah Hewes, which I have visited and drove all over the Valley Forge area in the spring when it is covered with dogwood in bloom. It is a very pretty place in the spring. In 1777 Alexander Hamilton was Washington's chief secretary. He was an Englishman from the West Indies, the Barbadoes, and had these colonial ideas rather than those of a native American like Jefferson.

"The soldiers at Valley Forge built their own huts... The naked, torn feet of the men left trails of blood in the snow. To find fresh food was harder than finding green grass under those December skies. The meat was spoiled, the potatoes old and withered, the parsnips and celery frozen and black. Occasionally there were rabbits... When they slept they huddled together like so many sheep for warmth. A sentinel going out on duty in the night borrowed all the clothes his messmates could loan him . . . and when he returned from his arctic vigil he would turn over all his clothes to the next sentinel to go out. That dashing young captain Allen McLane took his wife's household and table linen and had it cut up to make breeches for his cavalrymen. Picturesque they were, riding through the snow on foraging expeditions around that countryside, with their white table-cloth trousers, their beaver hats, without greatcoats and without boots, at a temperature of ten above zero. McLane's raiders . . . (attacked) the wagons that carried farm supplies to the British at Philadelphia . . . The farmers in the neighborhood of Philadelphia, most of whom were Quakers, brought Howe a large part of his meat and provisions. They might have done the same for Washington if he had been able to pay them in anything but those worthless Continentals . . .

"The country's indifference to the army's situation at Valley Forge in that winter could not have been greater . . . the soldiers wrapped their feet and legs in sacks, and these froze "till they grew black,' as La Fayette wrote, 'and it was often necessary to amputate them.' Wayne wrote in a letter that 'Some hundreds we have thought prudent to Deposit some six feet under the Ground--who have died of a disorder produced by want of clothing." . . . In February, 1778, the forage problems became desperate. There was no hay in the barns and the poor animals, with ribs as prominent as the strings of a harp, had to munch on dried twigs and pine needles. They died by the hundred. It was impossible to bury them in the frozen ground... Pneumonia and smallpox raged through the camps. Dysentery cut down burly farmers as poison gas does. One hospital building, crowded with two hundred and fifty beds made of filthy straw and covered with foul old blankets, was jammed to the doors with a thousand or more trembling specters, puking, hideous with smallpox, three or four in the same vile bed, screaming in pain and delirium. As they died, they were thrown out to make room for others who were coming in.

"The stream of deserters swelled as the winter became more gloomy. They swarmed out of Valley Forge . . . and sold their rifles to buy food. Washington had taken a force of nearly 10,000 men into Valley Forge. By March, 1778, 3,000 had deserted to the British. On Feb. 5, he reported 3,989 men unfit for duty because of their utter lack of shoes and clothes... their wives and children were without bread, without meat, without wood, and some of them were as shoeless and coatless as the army... On March 7, Congress... issued a proclamation appointing a "day of fasting and prayer."

Meantime the Conway Cabal had tried to discredit Washington and replace him with Gates, who was always dreaming of a new Bunker Hill for himself and as is shown dramatically inthe story of Thomas Moody of Camden, in that battle he told the men not to shoot till the British were up close--and this caused one of the bloodiest debacles of the Revolution. On July 4, 1778, Cadwalader had a duel with Conway and killed him.

"In 1777... the British War Office soaked Kentucky, Virginia and Ohio in blood... Henry Hamilton ... reaeived instructions from London to commence open warfare upon the border settlements . .. Burn the villages. Destroy the crops. Kill men, women and children indiscriminately. The Indians would be his henchmen . . . The country teemed with massacres and ravage. . . . Hamilton's program included the annihilation of every white family on the Ohio that was not Tory." Then in late 1777 George Rogers Clark went to Williamsburg, Va., and asked Patrick Henry to send him out to put a stop to the outrages and on Jan. 2, 1778, they voted him the powder and guns. He went down the Ohio in bulky flatboats and landed at the Falls, now Louisville, Ky., May 27, then on to Fort Massac, where they landed and made way to Kaskaskia, which they captured.

"May 6, 1778, was the resurrection day of the American battle soul. On that day every soldier at Valley Forge was relieved of his duties and the whole army threw itself into a gay party in celebration of the glorious French alliance . . . Spring had come at last to Valley Forge . . . The whole countryside had turned out. The army went through the music of the grand parade, high stepping to the music of the fifes and drums. 'Yankee Doodle went to town, he rode upon a pony. He stuck a feather in his cap, and called it macaroni.' Every soldier wore a cocky white spring flower in his battered old hat . . . Washington rode up ahead on a white charger rainbowed with regimentals."

It is said that Howe was a strong Whig and did not want to fight the Americans to a finish but to keep a stalemate in order to force a settlement and also to embarrass the Tories in England. In any case, "Howe's failure to swallow up Washington's pathetic little army at Valley Forge baffles explanation... He knew that Washington's force did not exceed 3,500, that he had hundreds of sick, that he had very little food, that his ammunition was low, that his patrol system was lackadaisical and his defenses flabby . . . he reiterated his stand that the war was impracticable and said he thought it would be wise to grant the Americans their independence now, on English terms, rather than wait for the time when Washington could name terms of his own."

Howe crossed the Delaware on his route back to New York, after resigning and evacuating his army from Philadelphia on June 18, 1778. "They crossed the Delaware to Camden, New Jersey,and set out on the weary trek to New York . . . Before noon on the eighteenth, a spy who galloped wildly into Valley Forge . . . made Washington jump at his cry that the British were gone... Valley Forge bristled with excitement and turmoil. The general officers raced about shouting orders and arguing among themselves. Wayne and La Fayette had a hurried meeting in the living room of the Marquis' headquarters, the little white house in the valley . . . Washington left Valley Forge on the twentieth. At noon of the twenty-first, he crossed the Delaware at Coryell's Ferry. His men had been drenched in a cloudburst and the humidity was so heavy that their clothes would not dry and hung like slimy weeds on their exhausted bodies. Some of them were naked from the waist up and their sunburned backs, with the great white welts from mosquito bites, glistened with sweat."

We see that at this time Capt.Henry Dudley's regiment and company were marching in 1778 and left six sick at Valley Forge, including John Damron, and then when they were at Coryell's Ferry left Taply Manes sick, and left eight others sick at Princeton, including Wm. Fox who died there 26 July, 1778.

Washington had decided not to let the British cross the Jerseys without a fight. They started off and "the army marched through Princeton... The army staggered on, gasping for breath, their hot clothing soaked with perspiration... One by one they keeled over and lay prostrate by the roadside... they marched along in tattered shirts and butternut jackets, and some had torn up hunks of cool moss along the banks of streams to protect their bare heads from this tormenting sun... The Americans trailed the enemy to Monmouth Court House by following the line of dead bodies." At dawn June 28, 1778, Mad Anthony Wayne attacked Clinton's rearguard, and it was a close, bloody battle, in which the British ultimately withdrew. Washington "sent General Poor's Southerners out to the right, posted Woodford on the left . . ."

Washington then moved on to White Plains, N.Y., and in 1778 September, Washington left his headquarters at White Plains. We note that John Damron was at White Plains, Sept. 8, 1778, when he signed up for another two years but was "sick prest." This would be at the time Washington was leaving his headquarters at White Plains. The book New York Soldiers in the Revolution has a reference to Capt.John Damron, and also there is a reference in New York Historical Society Collections, V. II, 1915, p. 642, to the list of Berkeley County, Virginia, Militia under Capt. Wm. Morgan.

Joseph W. Damron said that John Damron remembered Washington and that he had an "angelic look." As Washington never fought in any battles south of Virginia, nor in any in Virginia but Yorktown I believe, he must have seen him at German Town and Valley Forge and in the northern campaign. Washington went to Boston as soon as he was made commander-in-chief and conducted the campaign in the north from then on, while the southern states had other officers. If John Damron were at White Plains in 1778 he must have been in Washington's headquarters, as Washington had only a small guard there and would naturally prefer Virginians for his guard probably.

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